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Wrestling team wins district title



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team celebrates its district tournament victory on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Elk Rapids High School. The Vikings defeated Cheboygan 48-35 in the district semifinals to advance to the championship round, and they outscored Elk Rapids 46-24 in the finals to clinch their second consecutive district title. For more on the wrestling team, please see Page 4B.

Petitions gathered for theme park support

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Petitions, gathered by Crawford County economic development officials in support of the \$161 million theme park planned south of Grayling, will be sent to state officials and developers this week.

Petitions, supporting the sale of 1,800 acres of land for the Mainstreet America, Inc. theme

park, have been circulated in the Grayling area and neighboring communities for a month and a half.

Patrick Crosson, project manager for Axiom Entertainment, has proposed to build the \$161 million Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on 1,800 acres of land, located east of I-75 and

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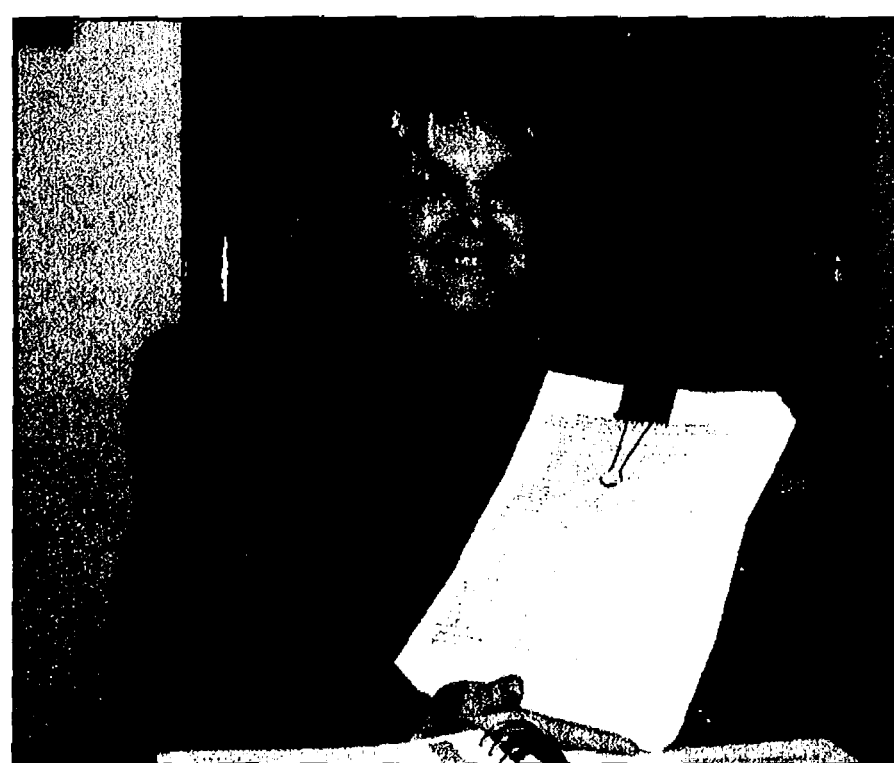


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Petitions, supporting the sale of 1,800 acres of land for the Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park, have been circulated in the Grayling area and neighboring communities for a month and a half. Above, Gaila Gilliland, the economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, shows a stack of petitions, which she says demonstrate strong local support for the project.

Grayling Special Olympian honored as Home Town Hero

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling Special Olympian, who helps serve the troops at Camp Grayling during annual training, was recently recognized for his service in the community.

Kris Brown was honored as Modern Woodmen of America's "Hometown Hero." The Modern Woodmen of America is an insurance company which provides life insurance, IRAs and retirement plans, college savings plans, annuities, financial investment opportunities and other insurance coverage options to its members. Members of the company are involved in fraternal organizations. The local Modern Woodmen of America fraternal organization includes about 125 people.

As a Special Olympian, Brown is involved in downhill skiing, soccer and volleyball.

"I think it's fun to see people and friends," Brown said of the Special Olympics.

Brown was thrilled to recently meet the Wertz Warriors, a snowmobile troupe which raises money for the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. He also met Mark "The Bird"

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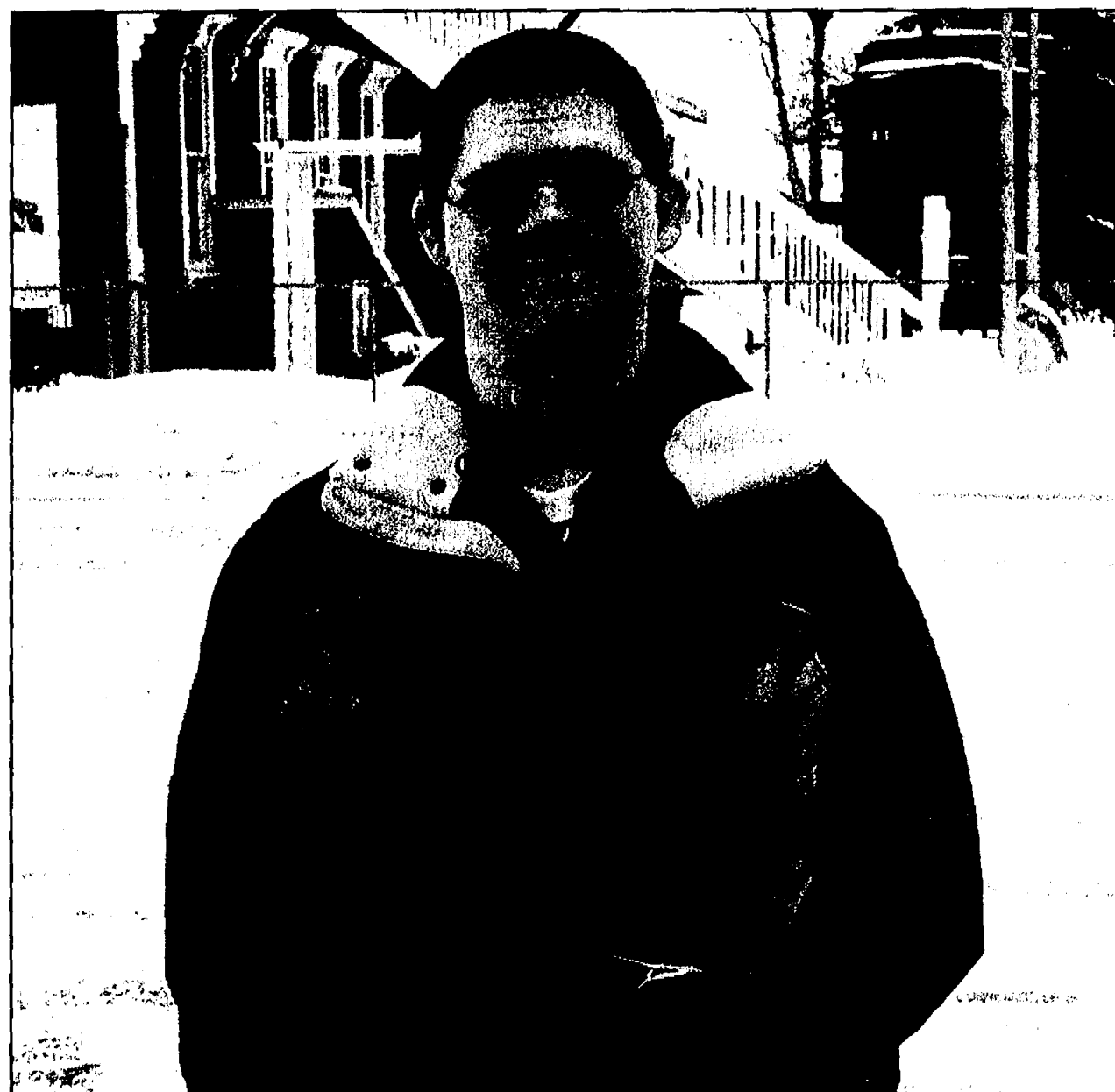


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Five candidates vying for school board

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Five people are running for two seats on the Crawford AuSable School Board.

Five residents, who live in the Crawford AuSable School District, will be on the May 6 regular school election ballot, vying for two seats on the board.

Sandra Enos and Richard Febey filed petitions to run for a four-year seat on the school board.

Enos was appointed to the board in November to fill out the seat vacated by Judith Gorski, a Crawford AuSable Board of Education trustee and a retired Grayling High School principal, who resigned from the board citing family health issues.

Enos, a Head Start home-based teacher, ran for the board in 2006, when Gorski was elected to her seat for the board.

Febey is a self employed physical therapist in Grayling. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at the Grayling High School.

Three candidates are running for a two-year seat on the board, to fill out Gorski's term

which expires in 2010.

Incumbent Jane Lange, the current school board secretary, is running for the seat. Lange was elected to the school board in 2004, and is finishing out her first four-year term. She is an instructor in the mathematics department at Kirtland Community College.

Dave Shriver, a project manager for Air Way Automation, also threw his hat in for the two-year term. Tony Thomson, an employee for Dealer Specialties, a firm that provides window stickers for car dealerships, also filed to run for the two-year board seat.

This is the third year that school elections are being held in May and are being administered by the Crawford County Clerk's office, under state election reforms aimed at increasing voter turnout. The elections were previously held in June.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said she is pleased that residents are stepping up to run for the school board positions.

"It just shows that there is an interest in the school system and people want to be involved and part of the process," Moore said.

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Family seeks housing after fire destroys home

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A Grayling couple is looking for a place for their family and pets after the home they rented was destroyed by a fire last week.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was called to the home of Teena and Jim "Jimbo" Kehr, located at 501 Ogema Street in Grayling, at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Kehrs were attempting to thaw a drain in the kitchen of their home, when an electrical overload occurred and started a fire in a crawl space.

The fire then went up the walls and into the attic, said Grayling City/Township Fire Chief Russ Strohpaul.

"Being an older structure, it went up fairly fast," Strohpaul said.

Firefighters were hampered by three fire hydrants located near the home that were not working properly. One hydrant was frozen, another was broken and the third could not be opened, Strohpaul said. City of Grayling Department of Public Works employees found the hydrants to be operable the day following the fire.

Frederic Township Fire Department, Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and South Branch Township Fire Department were called to assist at the scene with water tankers. Once firefighters had an adequate water supply, they were able to knock the fire down in a matter of minutes.

There were no injuries in the blaze. The Kehrs live in the home with their two grandchildren, ages 4 and 1.

Mobile Medical Response was at the scene to assist firefighters, due to exposure to the elements, but firefighters did not sustain frost bite or any other injuries.

"It makes the job a little more challenging when it's that cold

and the snow banks are really tall," Strohpaul said.

Firefighters remained on the scene until 12:45 a.m. on Thursday.

The home is owned by James Elliot of Kentucky, and was insured. Insurance adjusters have deemed the home to be a total loss, the Kehrs said.

The Kehrs did not have renter's insurance, but most of their possessions were spared from the blaze.

The American Red Cross put the Kehrs and their family in the Ramada Inn for three days following the fire and provided them clothing.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander, a former neighbor of the Kehrs, arranged for the family to stay at the North Country Lodge.

The Kehrs, who have a dog and a cat, are currently seeking to rent a home. They have made dozens of calls to area landlords and real estate brokers, and have not been successful in finding a place to live.

"We can replace just about everything we lost, we just need somebody to cut us a brake," Teena Kehr said.

The Kehrs are saddened that their flag and monument to "All the Fallen Heroes," honoring the veterans and the military, is no longer lit at the corner near their home. Jimbo Kehr, who served 16 years in the Army, is known for writing patriotic poems about military troops and veterans.

Jimbo, also a mechanic at Scheer Motors, is devastated by the fire and hopes that someone in the community will make a home available so he can restore some normalcy for his family.

"They take care of their own," said Jimbo, of the community where he grew up. "All we need is a place to live."

Anyone who may be able to assist the Kehrs with housing can contact them at (989) 915-0707.

Mercy Hospital Grayling planning for new generator

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling recently received federal funding to plan for a generator that will provide energy for the entire hospital when the power goes out.

The Hospital received a \$117,697 Department of Health and Human Services grant, which was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act - 2008.

The grant will pay for planning, designing and doing site work for a "whole house generator," which will be used to provide energy to the hospital when there is a power outage, said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, the CEO for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Currently, the hospital has a generator that can only provide energy to critical areas of the hospital, such as the surgical department. The generator can also power certain pieces of equipment necessary to continue providing patient care, said Kathy Zelinsky, vice president of patient care services for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

When the hospital experiences a power outage, equipment is connected to "red plugs" that are powered by the generator.

Staff in some departments are forced to run extension cords to red plugs to continue patient care operations.

The hospital's CAT scan unit, for example, can not operate when the power goes out, so patients may be referred to another medical facility during a power outage.

"That doesn't happen very often, but it should never happen," Zelinsky said.

Other areas of the hospital are left entirely without power.

"Even though they are not areas directly involved in patient care, they are still real important areas for the hospital and for us carrying out our mission," Zelinsky said.

Zelinsky said the current generator at the hospital does not have the capability of providing enough power for the technological equipment the hospital has obtained in recent years.

"We're finding more and more, going down even for a few moments is not an option," she said.

The whole house generator, as well as wiring the hospital for the upgrade, will cost between \$800,000 to \$1 million, Riemer-Matuzak said.

Hospital officials are finalizing a request for financial support from the federal government to help secure the generator.

"We just don't know whether the dollars are going to be there or not," Riemer-Matuzak said. "That's one source, and we will have to figure out the rest of the funding with the rest of our capital needs."

Riemer-Matuzak said that U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., played critical roles in securing the funds to plan for the generator.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act - 2008, which was approved in December, contained millions of dollars for projects across Michigan.

"Communities across our state will benefit from the funding provided in this legislation," Levin said. "This bill addresses some of Michigan's crucial needs such as protecting the Great Lakes from invasive species, improving our transportation infrastructure, enhancing our health care system and supporting educational institutions. These projects contribute positively to the quality of life in Michigan."

"This funding is an investment in our state's continued and future success," Stabenow added. "We are helping to serve and protect our communities, ensuring continued access to high-quality health care, supporting innovation and technological development in our industries, all while creating new jobs. This bill also includes language recognizing the importance of the Great Lakes and the unique role they play in Michigan, the nation's economy and our environment. I look forward to the President signing this legislation that is so critical for Michigan families."

National Children's Dental Health Month

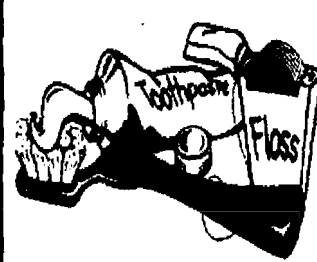
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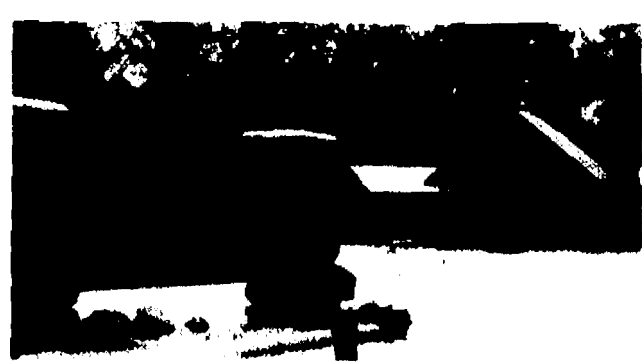
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(MS) -- Maintaining good dental hygiene goes beyond just brushing and flossing and visiting the dentist once a year. In order to keep your teeth, gums and mouth as healthy as possible, you have to develop an oral health-care routine and stick to it daily.

With the help of your dentist and these tips from Majestic Drug Co., Inc., a leading manufacturer of oral healthcare products, you will be well on your way to keeping your teeth healthy and in optimal condition for years to come.

1. Understand your own oral-health needs. Everyone's mouth is different. Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist about special conditions in your mouth and how your general health affects it.

2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from fluoride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

5. Make other oral-care products part of your routine. For example, Dentool(TM) is a new, revolutionary 4-in-1 oral-care instrument that helps whiten teeth, increase tooth and gum health, remove plaque and tartar, and fight gingivitis. It consists of an explorer pick, scaling device, polishing cup and interdental brush. Available nationwide, the product has easy-to-use removable ends that conveniently reverse to allow access to each of the four attachments.

6. Use water-irrigation devices. These appliances spray a high-pressure water stream to dislodge food particles from teeth and gums. They benefit people with braces or other types of orthodontics who need extra help in removing food from between their teeth.

7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

Novi girl hurt in snowmobile accident

A 16-year-old girl from Novi was injured in a snowmobile accident, which occurred on Saturday, near Lovells.

Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said that deputies were dispatched to a serious injury snowmobile accident at 1:54 p.m. on Saturday.

The accident occurred on Sno Trac Trail east of Lovells Road in Lovells Township.

The girl was traveling west-bound on Sno Trac Trail and failed to negotiate a curve in the road. She went off the roadway and struck a tree.

A Mobile Medical Response ambulance transported the girl to a nearby landing zone. She was then transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, by a North Flight EMS helicopter, for treatment of her injuries. She was later treated and released, since initial reports of her injuries were not substantiated at the hospital, Wakefield said.

Deputies said alcohol was not a factor in this accident, which remains under investigation.

The Lovells Township Fire Department's Rescue unit assisted deputies with the call.

CHAMBER Chatter

The Chamber is kicking off a membership drive this month! The board of directors have a goal to enlist the help of about 40 more businesses or individuals in the area who support our mission and who want to support Grayling as it supports them! There are many benefits to being a member of the Chamber, including the promotion of your business, referrals, networking opportunities, supporting events and activities that help you grow your business and the knowledge that you are supporting a community that is also supporting you. If you are interested in supporting Grayling by becoming a member of your Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, please contact the chamber, Kim Miskala, at the office at (989) 348-2921 for information!

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Shelter offers low cost shot clinic



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter offered a low cost shot clinic at the new shelter on Saturday. Dr. Donna Simons of Elmira, and her staff, provided the veterinary service at the clinic. Over 150 pets, mostly dogs and a few cats, were vaccinated at the clinic. The shelter offered the clinic as a community service since Crawford County dog licenses increase from being \$15 for male and female dogs, and \$8 for altered dogs, to \$25 on March 1. Above, Betty Haslem holds her Shih Tzu, Woody, as veterinary technician Peter Hoggerhyde gives him a shot.

City tightens up nuisance ordinance

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials strengthened the community's ordinance last week to address trash, inoperable vehicles and unruly grass and weeds.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular monthly meeting, approved amendments to the city's nuisance ordinance.

Under the ordinance, the owner or occupant of any property in the city limits can place trash receptacles at the roadside no earlier than noon on the day before the scheduled trash collection day. The receptacles must be removed no later than noon following the day the trash is picked up.

The fine for a violation of the ordinance was increased from \$5 to \$20. Any unpaid fine will be placed on the property tax bills.

City officials also updated the area in the nuisance ordinance regarding grass and weeds.

The ordinance says that grass and weeds may not exceed eight inches, measured on the 15th of each month, May through October. The area in the Grayling Industrial Park south of the railroad tracks, areas zoned industrial, used as storage yards, and areas that are forested or in a natural state, are exempt from the ordinance.

A city property owner can ask the city council to determine if their property qualifies as a forested or natural area. If the council determines that the prop-

erty does qualify, the property owner can not develop the property until the council removes the designation.

If the city notifies a property owner that grass and weeds on their property violates the ordinance, they have 10 days to correct the problem. After the 10-day period, the city will have the grass and weeds cut and will bill the property owner. Unpaid bills will be placed on the property taxes.

Vehicles can not be stored or parked in the city if they are unlicensed, not operational or are dismantled.

Vehicles that are kept by a licensed new or used car dealer, or a trailer or travel trailer dealer, are exempt from the license requirement.

Licensed repair facilities may have no more than three vehicles, which are kept in violation of the ordinance, on their property for no more than a week.

Vehicles that do not comply with the ordinance must be securely stored in a building. The ordinance previously required the vehicles to be kept behind a six-foot fence.

Motor vehicles which are not required to have license plates, such as stock cars and antique vehicles, are exempt from the license requirement in the ordinance.

Unlicensed vehicles for sale by owner may be allowed for up to 90 days.

If the city notifies the owner of

a vehicle of a violation, the owner shall have 10 days to correct the violation. If the owner does not address the violation within 10 days, the city has the authority to abate the nuisance by removing and impounding the vehicle. In addition to any fines and costs imposed, the vehicle owner will also be responsible for towing and impoundment costs.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner is charged with enforcing the nuisance ordinance. The owner or occupant of a property, who is cited under the ordinance, can appeal the citation to the city council if extenuating circumstances are involved.

City officials are continuing to address the portion of the nuisance ordinance regarding junk, upon the recommendation of 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen, following a recent hearing in the Crawford County Circuit Court. Allen said the city's ordinance was vague and over broad, said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

Thayer, who has been the city manager for just over a year, was asked to address nuisance issues in the city when he was hired by the city council.

"We're getting them addressed through the thick and the thin,"

Thayer said.

Thayer said he believes the ordinance updates will stand up in court if the city is challenged by a resident who is cited for a nuisance violation.

"When you take action, you've got to be able to back it up, and I believe we've gotten to that point," Thayer said.

Charles and Willow (Myer) Gabriel

of Frederic, MI celebrated their

50th Wedding Anniversary

on Feb. 16th with their children and grandchildren.



They were married Feb. 14th, 1958 in Roscommon, MI with Chuck Nolan serving as Bestman and Shirley Nolan as Maid of Honor.

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Correction

Darcy Greer was misidentified as KayLynn DeHart ("GMS names students of the month," Page 10A, Feb. 14 edition).

KayLynn DeHart should have been listed as not pictured.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Did the Michigan primary make a real difference?

IT WAS ONLY about a month ago when Michiganders trooped to the polls to register support for their favorite candidates for president.

The Michigan primary was held in complete defiance of both national parties, which had forbidden any state to challenge the stranglehold Iowa and New Hampshire hold on the presidential selection process.

Michigan and Florida scheduled early primaries anyway, and party leaders promised delegations to the national party conventions in August would be reduced or denied.

Some Republican candidates ignored the warnings and campaigned openly here, notably Mitt Romney, John McCain, Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul.

In the face of national party disfavor, only four Democratic candidates chose to be considered in Michigan — Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, and Mike Gravel. Four more — Barack Obama, John Edwards, Joe Biden and Bill Richardson — followed the party line and took their names off the

primary ballot. Only Rep. Kucinich campaigned in Michigan.

These limitations sharply reduced the apparent significance of the Democratic primary.

MOST ANALYSIS of primary results a month ago indicated the maverick Michigan primary was a boon for Republicans and a bust for Democrats.

With the perspective of passing time, it appears that's just not true anymore.

For example: A bold Jan. 16 headline in *The Detroit News* blared: "Romney win blasts GOP race wide open." That's the way it appeared the day after the primary.

About 870,000 Michigan Republicans turned out to vote and about 40 percent of them chose favorite son Mitt Romney, giving Mr. Romney his first and a significant victory of the early primary/caucus season.

Sen. John McCain, who had won the Michigan Republican primary in 1980 over eventual winner and two-term president George W. Bush, trailed with

about 30 percent of the GOP vote. Gov. Mike Huckabee won about 16 percent.

What has happened since?

After Michigan, the Romney campaign only dawdled along, trailing Sen. McCain — and even Gov. Huckabee — in succeeding early primary/caucus states. On Feb. 8, right after the big multi-state primary and less than a month after hitting his high in Michigan, Mitt Romney "stepped aside" from presidential consideration and urged the delegates he won in Michigan, and in some other states, to get behind John McCain.

Only two other Republicans, Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul, still hoping that lightning will strike, are left in the race against the probable nominee, John McCain.

So what real difference did the Michigan primary make in selecting the eventual Republican candidate for president? Not a whit.

THEN THERE'S the other hand. It may develop that Michigan's Democratic primary

could play a vital and possibly decisive role in picking the Democratic nominee.

Only about 600,000 Democratic ballots were cast in Michigan's primary, a turnout that can be viewed in two ways:

It's surprising that 270,000 more Republican than Democratic votes were cast because in most statewide elections lately Democratic candidates receive a majority of total votes.

It's not surprising that Democratic turnout was light because there was no real contest on the Democratic ballot with only Ms. Clinton as a credible name before the voters.

In an editorial, the *Lansing State Journal* estimated that if Democrats had "a real race," overall Michigan voter turnout in the primary would have jumped from the actual 21 percent to 30 to 35 percent, or about 50 percent higher total turnout.

Ms. Clinton received about 56 percent of the Democratic primary vote, and 40 percent voted "uncommitted," presumably backers of Sen. Obama and Mr.

Edwards.

The Almanack at the time observed that the uncommitted vote "could be interpreted as 'anybody but Hillary,'" and added: "To win only 56 percent of the vote when essentially running against nobody, in my book, should not be encouraging."

Clinton backers, of course, did not see it that way.

A MONTH LATER, the Democratic campaign nationally is much closer and much more dramatic. Mr. Edwards has withdrawn, and Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, are neck and neck in delegate counts.

The race could go down to the wire, maybe even to the Denver convention in August, and results of the Michigan Democratic primary — virtually uncontested and largely ignored in January — could become crucial.

Big questions remain.

Should Michigan delegates be counted at the nominating convention, although the national party promised at the time they would be refused? The Michigan delegation's hotel reservations

even were canceled.

Should Ms. Clinton be entitled to all the Michigan delegates, if they should be seated? Or should the "uncommitted" votes — 40 percent of the total — be allocated to Mr. Obama, in whole or in part?

Should Michigan Democrats hold a new series of caucuses, or find some other way to count anew the support for the two candidates remaining?

So what is fair? Democratic party leaders must decide. My guess is the delegates will end up with Ms. Clinton, one way or another.

Similar questions arise about the Florida delegates, too, who were bold enough to defy national party dictates. Ms. Clinton won the vote in Florida, too.

So what real difference did the Michigan primary make in selecting the eventual Democratic candidate for president? Possibly decisive.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Simplicity ... answer to 'Bill'

To the editor:

(In response to "Bill", What Do You Think, Feb. 14, 2008, *Avalanche*, Page 4A.)

It may be a bit simplistic to believe that lower gasoline prices will solve our economic slowdown, but no more so than to believe greenhouse programs are what we need.

Greenhouse programs, like ethanol biofuel, are as big a problem, if not bigger, than high gas prices.

Quote United Nations head of the food agency, "Many of the world's poorest people are unable to get enough food

because of soaring prices, partly caused by the use of food crops to produce biofuels."

The world price of soybean is up 125 percent in a year. Corn for breakfast cereal and cattle feed is up, as more fertilizer is needed to grow more biofuel crops. In short, all food prices are affected and are up in price.

Is it too simplistic to say that rising food and gas prices contribute to lowering our moral and contribute to our economic slowdown? I don't think so.

Harry Wojcik
Grayling

Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Which candidate, Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton, will secure the Democratic party's presidential nomination?

Hillary Clinton
(23 Votes, 29%)

Barack Obama
(55 Votes, 71%)

This week's online poll question: Was it a good move for Michigan to conduct its state-sponsored presidential primary election in January this year?

To vote in our online polls, visit our Internet site:
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Historically Speaking



This picture was taken roughly around 1955. Pictured here left to right: Ralph Redhead, Ralph A. Redhead, note the middle initial. Ralph was my dad who said, "I will not have a junior in my family." Third: Marx Stephan, son of Johnny Stephan. Marx died of a heart attack at an early age after dragging a buck deer after killing it during hunting season. Last is Walter Mikesall, a cabinet maker and boat builder. Today, I own the boat he was to build for himself. He sold it to me and built another one for himself. A great guy and a super friend of mine.

The guides worked all day and were resting, having a smoke on the front steps of the Rainbow Clubhouse, (notice all were left handed except Ralph A. Redhead...that's me.) Dr. Morenus took the picture. Ralph guided Dr. Morenus, I guided Jim Webber, president of the J.L. Hudson Company. Marx guided Dickie Jackson, V.P. of Hudson Motor Car Company and Walter guided John Miller, who married into the Sanders Baking Company - his title unknown.

What Do You Think?

The *Crawford County Avalanche* welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles — including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column — on our new Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color

bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click on the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments.

All comments are subject to approval by *Crawford County Avalanche* management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Travelogue presents "Royal England"

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Travel and Adventure series will present a Sunday matinee, "Royal England", on Feb. 24, at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Narrated by cinematographer Charles Hartman, the doors open at 1:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 2 p.m. Ticket cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Church to hold concert

The Bear Lake Christian Church, located on M-72 halfway between Grayling and Kalkaska, will present in concert, Southern Praise, a free Southern and Country Gospel music group, on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. Come as you are, everyone is welcome.

Hartwick Pines to hold night skiing

Hartwick Pines will host Cross Country Skiing by Lantern Light on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. This is about a 1.25 mile trail that is lit by more than 75 kerosene lanterns. A campfire will mark the start of the trail at the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will be open with hot beverages and snacks. A motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For more information, call 989-348-2537 or e-mail kasmerc@michigan.gov or burgr@michigan.gov.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on the new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

CCEDP invites the public to get involved in local Think Tank

The Crawford County Economic Development (CCEDP) issues an invitation to the general public to attend the monthly Think Tank meetings. Think Tank conversations, with a Dutch treat breakfast, are held from 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Ramada Inn.

The purpose of the think tank is to be a catalyst of change and identify things that will move the county forward.

According to CCEDP Chair Kay Cosgray, "Some specific work plans are currently under development, all as a result of think tank discussions. They are the Watershed Art Project, the Grayling Volksmarch and the AuSable River Expo. We're really excited about the progress being made."

All projects described above are looking for additional team members. To volunteer your assistance, contact Scott McClain at 231-624-0616 for the Watershed Art Project, Lanice Rutter at 348-7138 for the Grayling Volksmarch, and Ann Stephenson at 344-0047 for the AuSable River Expo.

These think tank projects are designed to diversify the local

economy, to aim at a variety of target markets, and to offer additional reasons for people to visit this area. Other projects, including a marketing program, a recognition program for young people helping to make a difference, and a program to welcome newcomers, are in various stages of planning.

Other items of interest at recent think tank sessions included discussions on attracting industry; identifying retired professionals to mentor business people, redeveloping the downtown area, lack of competitive pricing locally and cultural change.

Think Tank member Betty Bennett explained that the group, "Talks about many things and tries to keep our fingers on the pulse of what's happening. Some of our thoughts may be pie in the sky, but that's where things start."

Contact Gaila Gilliland, at CCEDP by e-mail at gailag@i2k.com or by phone at 348-9030, to learn more about working on any of the different projects, to get more information about Think Tank or to request e-mail notifications of up-coming meetings.

COA hosts Women's Day of Delight

The Commission On Aging will present their first Women's Day of Delight, in celebration of International Women's Day, to give older women the opportunity to indulge and pamper themselves for a day.

Local businesses will be represented at the event, offering demonstrations, refreshments and giveaways to participants. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the event.

One lucky lady will be drawn during lunchtime to receive a full makeover, compliments of Rhea Rasdale, Independent Consultant with Arbonne International.

The featured speaker of the afternoon is Kourtney Cingano, occupational therapist and rehabilitation director at Mercy Rehab. She will be speaking on senior fitness, beginning at 1 p.m.

The keynote speaker for our event will be Mary Seger, NP PhD. Seger is a Nurse Practitioner PhD with an Integrative Medicine Practice at Otsego Memorial Hospital. She is certified by the North American Menopause Society as a Menopause Practitioner. She is also certified as a Perfect Health Instructor, a mind/body Ayurvedic Medicine Program

developed by Deepak Chopra.

Seger is a national speaker on a variety of integrative medicine topics and on finding your joy. She has authored a book, "Invite Joy Into Your Life," writes a bimonthly health column for the magazine "A Woman's Perspective" and writes a biweekly e-mail, Something to Contemplate.

Seger will give a presentation entitled The Four E's to Good Health beginning at 2 p.m. and will do a book signing afterwards.

Local businesses who are a part of the event include Curves For Women, Hard Bodyz Health & Fitness, Mary Kay, The Cottage, Heads Up North, Salon Rue, The Bloomin' Grape Gourmet Deli & Market, Avon, Arbonne International, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Riverland Gear, North Country Corner, and more.

The Grayling Senior Center, located at 308 Lawndale, will be hosting the event on Thursday, March 13, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., with lunch being served at noon, and dinner being served at 5 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling Andrea at 348-7123.

Spring art walk planned in downtown Grayling

The Watershed Art Project (WAP) is a newly formed small group of Grayling citizens interested in bringing activity, through the visual arts, to downtown Grayling. WAP is an ad hoc committee of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP).

According to WAP founder Scott McClain, "More than 700 people viewed a large representation of local art at the first WAP event, held during the 2007 Christmas Walk in the former Fannie Finn's building. This building, referred to as the WAP "work space", is owned by Kelly Yousoufian, who graciously donated space to the WAP team as she continues to explore options for its future use."

On Feb. 2, WAP held an artist and art patron rendezvous at the work space with approximately 40 community leaders, artists, and art patrons attending. This group brainstormed future events, the cultural needs of our community, art quality, student involvement, the organization of art shows and the accessibility to purchase art.

The next event will be a Spring Art Walk in downtown Grayling on April 26, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. This date was purposely scheduled to celebrate the opening of trout season and the connection of natural and fine arts that are both abundant in Grayling. The Spring Art Walk will feature some of the finest artwork produced in northern Michigan.

Downtown Grayling stores will host the selected artists, who will be available to discuss the

art they are showing. Artists will gain exposure and a cash gift will be presented for the "People's Choice Award." The winner of the "People's Choice Award" will be announced at 5:30 p.m. in the work space.

Patrons who complete the Art Walk will be entered into gift certificate drawings. Gift certificates can be used to purchase artwork or merchandise from participating stores. Gift certificate drawings will take place in the work space at 5:15 p.m. on April 26. Patrons need not be present to win as winners will be posted and notified.

Art work may remain on display and for sale through May 3, allowing the public time to view the "People's Choice" award winner. Gift certificate winners may also redeem their Spring Art Walk gift certificates through this date.

The WAP team encourages artists of all media to submit three photos of works they would like entered into the jury process for the Spring Art Walk. Entry deadline is Monday, March 31, and art selection will be completed by April 15. Entry forms will be mailed to artists whose names are on the WAP mailing list. Entry forms will also be available at J. Dap Company, The Bicycle Shop and Riverland Gear & Drycleaning, all located on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling.

For more information regarding art selection, please contact Terry at 231-263-0231. For information about the WAP group, call Pam at 989-348-2383.

Flu activity increases

According to Dr. James Wilson, medical director for District Health Department #10, Michigan flu activity has reached widespread levels. Local hospitals and doctor's offices are reporting an increase in flu-like illness and confirmed cases of influenza, which is not unusual for this time of year. Wilson states that we tend to see flu activity peak in the months of February and March.

The health department advises everyone to get a flu shot. If you have not received one this year, it is not too late, there is plenty of flu vaccine available. While most healthy people recover from the flu and don't have serious complications, some people, such as older adults, young chil-

dren and people with certain health conditions (asthma, diabetes or heart disease), are at higher risk for serious flu-related conditions. It is especially important that these people are protected from the flu.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the current flu vaccine is well-matched to the main strain of flu that we are seeing. Wilson urges everyone to get a flu shot and take everyday precautions to stop transmission of the flu and other diseases by frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

If you are interested in making an appointment for a flu shot, or just have more questions, please call the Crawford County District Health Department #10 at 989-348-7800, or the Kalkaska County office at 231-258-8669.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 17 of \$25 each: Doug McMurtrie, Marcy Cowher, Phil Lewis and Doris Stevens.

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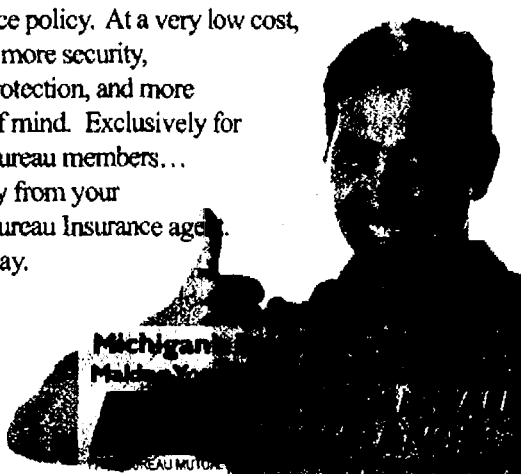
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The Bible Speaks

Trusting Law's Letter or Spirit?

We are delivered from death and slavery under the law's letter to serve in newness of spirit. "6But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." (Rom. 7:6). Our failure under law is not the law's fault as Romans 7:7 taught us: "7What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." The problem is sin's conceit, corruption, and concealment as shown in Romans 7:8: "8But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead."

Now in Romans 7:9 we observe the difference between serving under law's letter and under law's spirit: "9For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." The first half of this verse reminds us of Paul as a Pharisee obeying the letter of the law. Since the law was given centuries before Paul was born,

and Paul was raised a Hebrew of the Hebrews, and trained in law at the feet of Gamaliel, (Acts 22:3), he is speaking of his blindness to law's spirit and purpose. The word "without" means separately or apart from. Paul was alive in self-righteousness before the spirit of the law came to him and opened his eyes. Paul considered himself to be blameless, zealous, and much alive according to Philippians 3:6: "6Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." As Paul said in Galatians 1:14: "14And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers."

Paul continued by revealing how the spirit of Law came to him revealing how sinful he was and ending his self-righteousness: "...but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Sin appeared dead and lifeless because it was not disturbed by exposure to the spirit of the law. This has been illustrated by a large auto engine idling silently at a stop light, but suddenly roaring to life as the accelerator is pushed. The spirit of the law stirs sin into motion and exposes it to be very much alive with evil.

But as soon as Paul saw his own sinfulness, he became as spiritually dead. As 1 Samuel 25:37 says of Nabal, "...his heart died within him, and he became as a stone." Paul turned from self-righteousness, confidence, satisfaction and reliance into a weak, helpless, hopeless sinner relying fully upon God's grace. Paul became like those described by Jesus in Matthew 5:3-6: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. 5Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. 6Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." If the Holy Spirit of Truth using the Holy Scriptures of Truth does not produce Holy living in our lives as believers, then no amount of law or legalism will do so. Legalism only turns us into self-righteous Pharisees who judge and condemn all non-conformity to our only man-made rules and standards. The Spirit of Truth by repentance and faith in Christ, turns us from pride to humility, Pastor "B"

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by Brooke Meier
Capital News Service

A multi-state grant is pulling together researchers across the nation to tackle the deadly fish disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), which is on the attack in the Great Lakes and Michigan's inland waters.

Mark Coscarelli, assistant manager of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, said the \$750,000 grant is unlike any other.

"It's really a unique collaboration of researchers from different disciplines and different areas of the country coming together to focus on this deadly disease," he said.

The disease causes fish to bleed to death internally.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported the disease in all the Great Lakes except Lake Superior.

Several inland waters have experienced high death rates from VHS, including the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and Budd Lake in Clare County.

The U.S. Geological Survey is the main recipient of the grant, but the research will be split among Michigan State University (MSU), the U.S. Geological Survey's Western Fisheries Research Center in

Seattle, and Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The main goal of the research is developing new detection tools and a more in-depth understanding of VHS in the Great Lakes.

Jim Winton, a fisheries scientist at the Western Fisheries Research Center, said the center will conduct evolutionary analysis research to identify and analyze different strains of VHS.

The results will be compiled on a Web database for agencies that are trying to manage the disease.

Winton said, "The work has several objectives. The principal objective is testing native species for their susceptibility to the disease in the Great Lakes region."

Both MSU and Cornell will carry out the fish testing, but each team will focus on different aspects of VHS.

Mohammed Faisal, a professor of aquatic animal medicine at Michigan State's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, will do research with infected fish and examine their antibody response to the disease.

At Cornell, Jim Casey, an associate professor of virology, and Paul Bowser, professor of

aquatic animal medicine, will research molecular structures of the disease to help with rapid detection.

According to DNR, more than 25 species have been found infected with VHS. Between 2005 and 2007, there have been significant deaths reported among walleye, yellow perch, muskellunge, smallmouth bass, round gobies, bluegill, black crappie and gizzard shad.

The disease was introduced to the Great Lakes region in 2002 or 2003. The direct cause of the disease is unknown, but DNR said the most probable source was ballast water discharge.

The disease then most likely spread inland by infected bait from anglers or from boaters' discharge of infected water from live wells or bilges.

In a report, the DNR said it is critical to make every attempt possible to prevent a rapid spread of the disease. Once the virus is established in a wild fish community, controlling it is highly unlikely and it is impossible to eliminate.

The disease doesn't infect humans and there is no risk to people who eat a fish with VHS. However, DNR advises against eating fish that are visibly sick.

Petitions gathered for theme park support

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About 1,500 signatures have been obtained through the petition drive. The petitions contain several facts about the theme park, including the fact that it will create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would be full-time positions, and would have an annual payroll of \$25 million.

The petitions were circulated by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

The property, where the theme park is proposed, was set aside by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2000 for economic development. The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership oversees purchase proposals for the property. So far, no other offers for the land have come forward.

"The petitions did exactly what we wanted it to do - demonstrated strong local support for the project," said Gaila Gilliland, the economic development director for the

Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

Marv Myers, the owner of Myers Land Surveying Company, gathered signatures on a petition at his business.

"I support it," Myers said. "I think we need growth and development in this community."

Susan Haddad, spokesperson for the Mainstreet American, Inc. project, said developers are thrilled to see that there is support for the theme park and that the development is welcomed in the county. She added that the support will help clear up misstatements and misconceptions made about the project and the project developers.

"We are very, very pleased," Haddad said. "This is their way of saying this is our voice and this our community."

A portion of the petition says that support for the theme park is contingent upon developers meeting all aspects of a memorandum of understanding and letter of intent that the developers have with the state to buy the

property. The main aspect of the agreement is that developers need to have all financing for the project in place at the time of the land transaction.

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, said officials would review the petitions, along with both pro and con information, submitted to the state about the theme park.

"We make all of that part of the record, but the key thing right now is the funding," Freed said.

Haddad said developers are still finalizing their financial documents in order to provide that information to the state.

"We're proceeding at the pace that we would like to be at and we're very happy at where we are in the process," Haddad said.

Developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long.

Special Olympian honored as Home Town Hero

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Fidrych, the former Detroit Tiger pitcher who serves as an honorary Wertz Warrior.

During the summer, Brown works at Camp Grayling. Goodwill Services, based in Traverse City, contracts to operate a mess hall, which is staffed by people with special needs, while troops are conducting their annual training.

Brown moved to Grayling, with his parents Valerie and Bill Brown, from Sterling Heights

about five years ago.

Brown enjoys cycling, rollerblading, tubing on the lake, playing video games and traveling on a Harley Davidson with his father.

Brown was recognized as the Hometown Hero during a Modern Woodmen of America activity night held at the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

"He represents our special needs people in the community in an outstanding way," said Patty Salyers, the camp secre-

tary for the local Modern Woodmen of America fraternal organization. "They have a lot to offer."

Brown said he was pleased to be recognized.

"It's really cool and it's an honor," he said.

The local Modern Woodmen of America fraternal organization meets monthly to provide members a time out with their families.

"It's just a different activity every month," Salyers said.

HONORS

Alma College
Alma College named 357 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2007 Fall Term.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades,

are named to the Dean's List. Among the students were: Charlie Alchin and Sarah Scow, both of Roscommon.

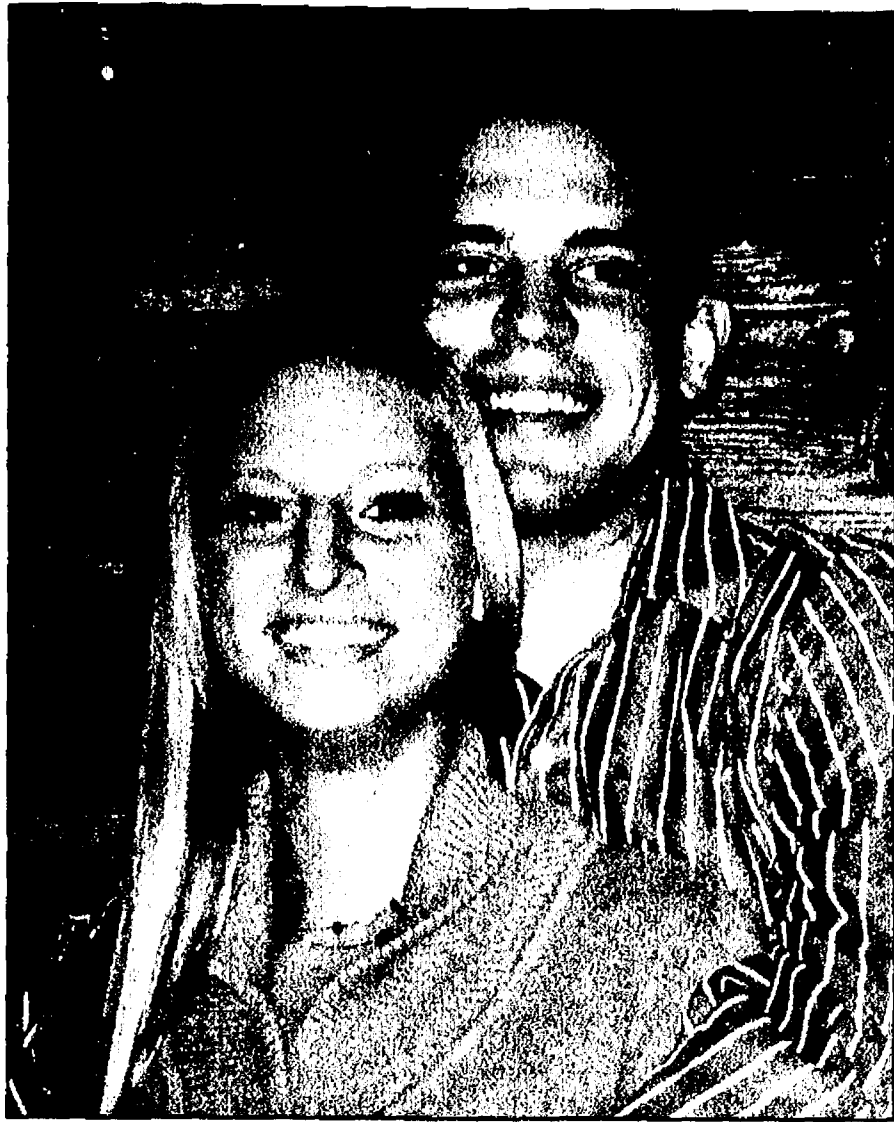
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Papendick, Stahl engaged



Tara Papendick and Ryan Stahl

Dale and Eileen Papendick announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Marie Papendick, to Ryan Christopher Stahl, son of Gail Stahl and Robert Stahl.

An engagement party was

held in their honor, while they were home for the holidays.

The couple resides in Gainesville, Fla.

An Aug. 22, 2009, wedding is planned in Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 22 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 25 - Lunch - beef, ravioli, broccoli, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, asparagus and pears. 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower, honey-nut apples and grapes. Dinner - salmon patties with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and peaches. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 1

p.m. Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks; 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, peas and mandarin oranges. Dinner - liver and onions, O'Brien potatoes, carrots, pineapple and apple crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing and tenant council meeting, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Feb. 28 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and fresh fruit medley. Dinner - chicken pot pie, Brussels sprouts and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting, 1 p.m. COA board meeting, 2 p.m. Uno Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Join Miss. B. every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - noon for story hour. Activities and a light snack will be provided.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club's next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m., at the Devereaux Memorial Library. We will be discussing "Summer of Light" by W. Dale Cramer. We are looking for new members who enjoy lively discussions and

great books. For more information, call Jane at 989-348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is looking for volunteers to help out at the library. Some duties may include straightening and organizing book shelves, cassettes and magazines, as well as other miscellaneous work. If you are interested, contact the Devereaux Memorial Library at 989-348-9214.

Card of Thanks

You would never believe that two people in one family would both have brain surgery in two years. So, our family would like to send out a great big thank you to all the businesses and people in the community for all of your support and donations during our time of need. Also, a special thanks to Scott McNamara Ford, St. Francis, for the wonderful benefit dinner, and both our families, including the wood boy, the taxi driver, the child care

provider and the boy who plows. Last, but not least, we appreciate everything that Grayling Mercy Hospital's ER, the staff at St. Mary's and Munson Medical Center did for us. We could not have made it without all of you.

So again, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate everything more than you will ever know.

Thanks,
John and Angie Moggo
and kids

OBITUARIES

Marian M. Frankenfield

July 11, 1915 - Feb. 13, 2008

Marian Mae Frankenfield, 92, of Grayling, passed away on February 13, 2008.

She was born in Tecumseh, on July 11, 1915, to Clarence E. and Bertha Leone (Goodrich) Davis.

She was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by daughters: Marie Logan of Clarkston, Ruthann (Robert) Porritt of Lake, Wanda (Harry) Hendriksen of Albuquerque, N.M.; sons: Vern Carmean of Lapeer, Jim (Donna) Carmean of Climax; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Elwood and Clarence Davis Jr.; husband Lee Carmean, husband Judson Frankenfield; children, Robert Lee and Joy Linda; son-in-law Art Logan; and daughter-in-law, Donna (Brown) Carmean.

A memorial service will be held on February 23, at 2 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling, with Dr. William Cargo officiating. The family will receive visitors at church beginning at 1 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 or Mercy Manor, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Feb. 21 - 27 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Feb. 21 - 22 and Feb. 25- 27.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989 348-6371. For further information, call 1-989-344-6320.

Maudie R. Buchanan

Oct. 12, 1939 - Feb. 16, 2008

Maudie R. "Annalee" Buchanan, 68, of Grayling, passed away on February 16, 2008.

She was born in Royalton, Ky., on October 12, 1939, to Everett and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Risner.

She was married to Walter Auxier, Sr. for 32 years. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She married Thomas Buchanan in May of 2002, in Royalton, Ky.

She was a member of Resurrection Life Fellowship Center.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Buchanan; daughters: Tonitte (James) Collins of Salyersville, Ky., Patty (Rickey) Wireman of Royalton, Ky., Mary Havitz of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; son, Walter (Kathy) Auxier, Jr. of Salyersville, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister: Pearl Risner of Royalton, Ky.; and brother, Lawrence Grey Risner of Chelsea.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Walter Auxier, Sr.; son, Anthony Lee Auxier; daughter, Betty Jo Risner; three brothers; and one sister.

A funeral service was held at Resurrection Life Fellowship, in Grayling, on Wednesday, February 20, with Pastor Dick Duprey officiating.

Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea, on Thursday, February 21.

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Kirtland offers access to state-of-the-art technology

A recent acquisition is helping the Kirtland Community College's Engineering Design Technologies Department stay on the cutting edge of technology and offers students the opportunity to learn the latest in design techniques, as well as assisting surrounding industries to be more effective and cost-efficient in their operations.

"We have recently acquired the latest in rapid prototyping technology, for use in our Engineering Design Technology program, with the purchase of a Z Corp. model 310 three-dimensional printer," said Jason Prout, an instructor at KCC and head of the college's EDT Department. "This gives us the ability to produce prototype parts at a fraction of the time and/or cost of in-house metal machining or CNC."

Originally developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1993, Three-Dimensional Printing technology (3DP™) forms the basis of Z Corp.'s prototyping process. The 3DP technology creates 3-D physical prototypes by solidifying layers of deposited powder using a liquid binder.

"This breaking edge technology allows an engineer to generate a working prototype part far cheaper than conventional means," Prout said. "Our department can generate a concept part drawing on our three-dimensional modeling software and literally have an in-hand part within minutes."

"This advance in technology allows industries to proof part designs without the costs related to fixturing, production runs, material and related labor," he

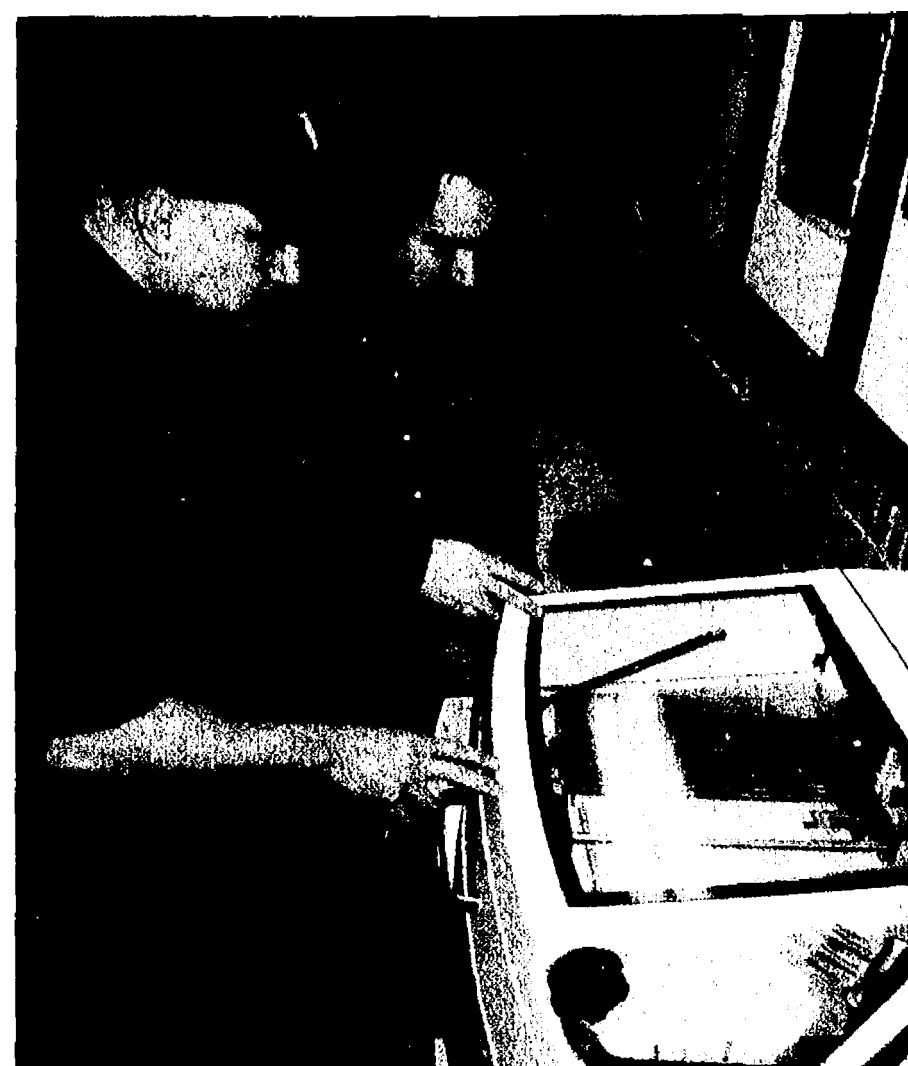
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By definition, 3DP is an extremely versatile and rapid process accommodating geometry of varying complexity in hundreds of different applications, and supporting many types of materials. Z Corp. pioneered the commercial use of 3DP technology, developing 3-D printers that leading manufacturers use to produce early concept models and product prototypes. Utilizing 3DP technology, Z Corp. has developed 3-D printers that operate quickly, at low costs and within a broad range of applications.

"Kirtland's Engineering Design Technologies Department is currently integrating training and/or use of the printer into all of its EDT classes," Prout said. "While the most dominant use of the technology will be in the three-dimensional Solidworks modeling classes, this new technology is expected to have a profound effect on the activities throughout all the EDT classes."

As Michigan adjusts to the reduction of the automotive industries' influence on Michigan's industrial base, the versatility of technologies like this will allow Kirtland's EDT Department to continue to change and adapt to the current and future needs of design engineers in Michigan and beyond.

"As shops that were previously automotive focused diversify to adjust for other new and innovative industries, their design engineers are the people that they turn to for leadership in these new areas," Prout said. "Kirtland's engineering and



Kirtland Community College instructor Jason Prout, a resident of the Roscommon area and head of the college's EDT Department, and Roger Elrod III (left) of West Branch, a student in the engineer and design technologies program, look on as the Z Corp. Model 310 3-D printer works to complete a project.

design technology degree, taken with an emphasis on engineering design technologies, is the path to this new and innovative future."

Prout added Kirtland's EDT program has historically had a very strong influence on the technology choices of industries in northern Michigan. And the 3-D prototype printer is another example of that.

"In effect, we are introducing a new technology to the area," he

said. "For example, before we brought the Solidworks 3-D software into the area, there were no known industries using it. Now, five years later, Solidworks is either in place or being integrated into nearly every nearby industry."

For more information on Kirtland's EDT program, or the 3-D printer, contact Prout via e-mail at proutj@kirtland.edu or by calling 989-275-5000, extension 318.

BUSINESS NEWS

Judy Chapman has been promoted to Personal Banker at Fifth Third Bank's Grayling location. In this position, she is responsible for selling a range of banking products and services to existing and prospective customers while providing specialized customer care. Chapman started with the bank in 2006, as

a customer service representative. She has worked in this industry for 26 years.

Chapman attended Thornton Community College and Daytona Beach College, where she studied business. She attends local Chamber of Commerce events and volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters.



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The contribution of Camp Grayling to the local economy for 2007 was \$33,029,049.

Salary and wages make up the largest portion of Camp Grayling's Economic Impact Assessment at \$19,971,631 with 191 full-time employees and 830 part-time/seasonal employees. The second largest portion relates to contracts, rental agreements and construction projects with a total of \$10,723,414. The balance is made up with personnel expenditures in the amount of \$2,343,004 spent by soldiers, SeaBees, Marines, and airmen training at Camp Grayling.

With a change in fuel purchasing, there is also a significant amount of money spent by units utilizing Unit Impact Charge cards not reported here. Over \$5 million dollars was spent on the modernization of facilities and ranges, including the initial phase of construction of a General Aviation Terminal and the first hangar planned for civilian usage on the Grayling Army Airfield. Upgrades at the airfield will enhance the joint

military-civilian usage of the airfield.

Focus on environmental stewardship continues with annual restoration projects and expansion of the recycling programs.

"The significant contribution is the impact these citizen-soldiers have on their local communities. Camp Grayling supported numerous community service projects, which are tailored to provide community assistance and at the same time providing realistic training for our soldiers," said Camp Grayling Post Commander Col. Dean Brown. "Members of the National Guard pay taxes, vote, hold elected positions in various communities, volunteer as coaches and work behind the scenes of numerous community activities."

"These citizen-soldiers are sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the United States of America," said Brown. "Camp Grayling has provided the resources for training members of the Armed Forces in every major conflict this country has been involved in."

All Camp Grayling tenant units have served in Iraq, with many individual soldiers currently deployed with other

units. The Michigan Guard has deployed over 90% of its soldiers and airmen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, over 1,500 male and female soldiers and airmen are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, plus many are deployed in support of the southwest border mission.

Camp Grayling is soliciting increased usage by non-military organizations including federal, state, county and city law enforcement agencies, and the Research & Development Department of Defense contractors. They host numerous youth programs including the Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts. Use of Camp Grayling is beneficial to local agencies and the local economy.

"The National Guard is not only the front line of defense for State and National Governments at times of disasters and emergencies, but it continually prepares to conduct wartime missions anywhere in the world," said Brown. "Camp Grayling is the premier training ground and air space for meeting the needs and challenges of the Armed Forces, tasked to maintain the freedoms which our forefathers so gallantly sacrificed to attain."

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 78 complaints the week of Feb. 11 - Feb. 17:

One EMS response, 22 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, five larcenies, one fraudulent activity, six public peace/disor-

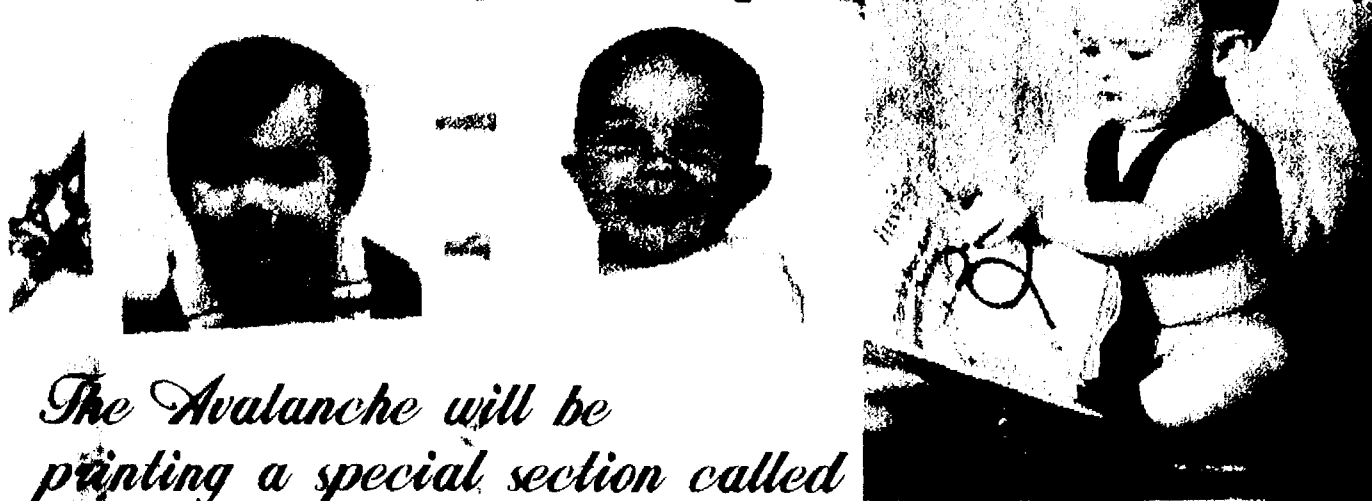
derlies, three health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 15 traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, one inspection/investigation-motor vehicle, seven inspections/investigations-family, one lost and found

property, five suspicious situations and two driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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Mercy Hospital Grayling board elects new chair

The business manager at Crawford AuSable School District is the new chair of Mercy Hospital Grayling's Board of Trustees.

Mike Dunckel, former vice-chair of the board in 2007, recently was elected leader of the 15-member board, succeeding Paul Lerg, who led the board for three years. Dunckel has been at the school district since 2001 and joined the hospital board the same year.

"I'm excited about my new role," he said. "We'll continue to look at the quality of care that our hospital provides and work toward strengthening connections with the community. My hope is that when a need arises, all of our community will make Mercy Hospital Grayling their hospital of choice."

Dunckel has been a resident of the Grayling area since 1991, and prior to his role at the school district, served as chief deputy clerk for Crawford



Mike Dunckel

County.

Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak welcomes Dunckel's new board role.

"Mike's experience as a business manager and his understanding of our community are important assets for Mercy Hospital Grayling," she said. "Our hospital is grateful for the talent and insight represented on the board as we look to meet the health care needs of area residents."

River House bids farewell to executive director

For over six years, River House, Inc., has had Rhoda Hacker as its executive director.

Her presence has been significant in many of the milestones that River House, Inc., has achieved. With her leadership skills, River House has succeeded in providing many services to the women and children of the C.O.R. counties and beyond.

Rhoda has accepted the executive director's position at the R.A.V.E. shelter in St. Johns.

She will be leaving at the end of February. Kriss Goodroe has



Rhoda Hacker

been appointed as interim director during the transition phase.

Entertainment Series presents 'Five Guys Named Moe'

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting Five Guys Named Moe, at the Grayling High School Auditorium, on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Get ready to stamp your feet, snap your fingers, and laugh out loud to an eclectic mix of swing, free-wheeling be-bop, zany humor and much more with Five Guys Named Moe. A lively and accomplished quintet from Ann Arbor, they collectively bring decades of performing experience to unique arrangements of some of the best in American jazz, traditional and popular music.

Tickets are available for \$12, or \$10 for seniors and students, at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or at the door. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

This event is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



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Free monthly divorce clinics to be held

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and Crawford Counties.

Legal Services staff attorneys provide classroom instruction to participants and volunteer attorneys are available for private consultations. All forms are supplied free to participants.

The clinics in Crawford County will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse on

the following Thursdays: Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m., April 25, at 5:30 p.m., June 19, at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 21, at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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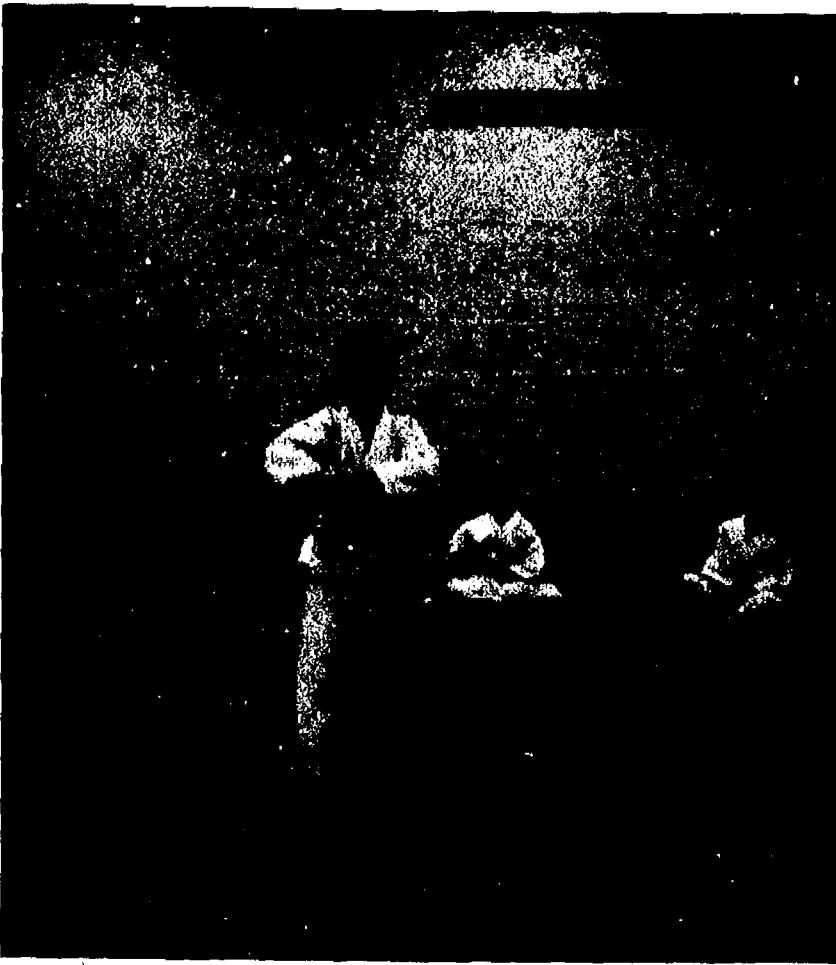
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The New World Karate Club of Grayling held a tournament at the Grayling Elementary School last week. Above left, Seth Stanley, 8 of Grayling, won first place in the 4 to 9-year-old division of the tournament. Above right, Seth's father, Mikel Stanley, took first place in the adult division, and won the grand champion's trophy for the tournament. The New World Karate Club's annual tournament has outgrown the Grayling High School, and has been moved to Treetops in Gaylord. The tournament, which has been dubbed "Battle at the 45th," will be held on April 18 and 19. The tournament will include an open martial arts tournament, extreme fighting and cage fighting bouts.

BIRTHS

Miranda and Rodney Silk, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Brenna Mae, born at Mercy Hospital on January 17, 2008, at 3:03 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Heather and Chris Freehling, of Frederic, announce the birth of their daughter, Madalynn Rose, born at Mercy Hospital on January 24, 2008, at 12:50 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14.5 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

length.

Libby and Chris Rosser, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Henry, born at Mercy Hospital on January 19, 2008, at 10:18 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8.6 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Jamie Near and Al Kalkan, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Quincy Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on January 18, 2008, at 10:01 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 17 inches in length.

Erica Parker and Aaron Mead, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Cameron Dee, born at Mercy Hospital on January 25, 2008, at 5:05 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Michelle Bielat and Michael Cannoy, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Harley Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on January 29, 2008, at 8:57 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 18 1/4 inches in length.

Crystal Young and Troy Pringle, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Kaden Joseph, born at Mercy Hospital on January 30, 2008, at 7:00 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

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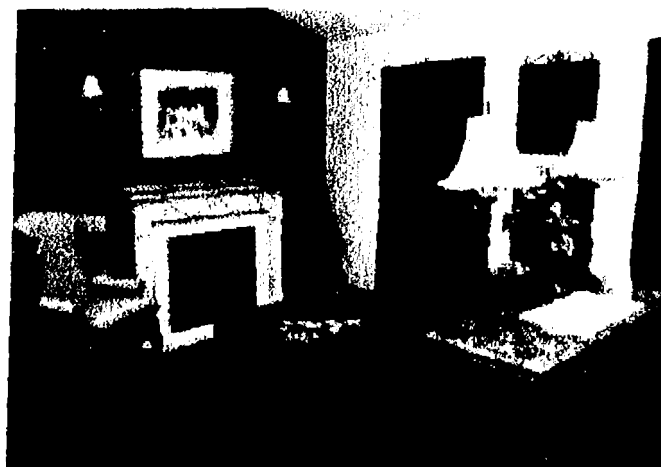
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Weyerhaeuser recognized for environmental strides

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB plant has been recognized again for its environmental stewardship.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials recently informed Weyerhaeuser Company-OSB officials that the renewal of the plant's Clean Corporate Citizen designation has been approved.

"The Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB facility continues to exemplify corporate environmental responsibility through its continuing commitment to maintain, protect and enhance Michigan's environmental resources," said Steven E. Chester, the DEQ director. "I commend you for your continued participation in the Clean Corporate Citizen program, and your proactive environmental efforts. As a Clean Corporate Citizen, we look to you to be a model for others in your industry to emulate."

The Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB has been designated as a Clean Corporate Citizen facility for the last three years.

Previously, the plant was required to renew its Clean Corporate Citizen designation on an annual basis. However, state officials changed the regulations

for the program to coincide with the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Performance Track program, and extended the designation for three years, said Kathi Moss, the environmental coordinator for the the Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB plant.

The Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB plant has met the criteria for the Clean Corporate Citizen program through the development and implementation of an environmental management system, the practice of pollution prevention and a strong environmental compliance record.

Specifically, integrating environmental factors into the daily operations at the facility had led to a reduction of over 700 tons of wood waste flakes going to a landfill and a reduction in natural gas use by 9,571 mcf.

Moss said the plant was able to achieve the improvements by changing some of its operational and wood processing equipment.

"As part of the Clean Corporate Citizen designation, we set objectives and try to meet those goals by reducing our waste wood, energy use and our environmental footprint as we continue to improve," Moss said.

In addition, Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB plant employees are involved in a num-

ber of community environmental projects.

For the last three years, mill employees have volunteered at the community's scrap tire collection day, which is held in June.

In addition, Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB employees and high school students have partnered with Penrod's AuSable River Resort to collect trash and debris deposited along the AuSable River in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

Finally, mill employees have volunteered at the Grayling Recycling Center. Moss said plant employees plan to be on hand at the recycling center on Earth Day, which will be observed on Saturday, April 22, to help sort recycled materials.

"It was very interesting to see the recycling center's operation and to see how many people in the community separate their stuff and bring it in," Moss said. "That just totally impressed me."

The Weyerhaeuser Company-Grayling OSB plant Clean Corporate Citizen designation is valid through Jan. 28, 2011.

"We look forward to your continued future efforts and commitment as a leader in the wood products industry in protecting and enhancing our shared environment," Chester said.

Water line breakage credit policy OK'd

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As temperatures continue to dip below the freezing point, Grayling City officials have placed a policy on the books to deal with residents who have broken water lines.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular meeting last week, adopted a water line breakage credit policy.

Under the policy, water usage caused by a water line malfunction or undetected faulty water equipment may be eligible for a utility

credit.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer is authorized to reduce the water or sewer bills if the incident is not a second occurrence where the cause of the first occurrence was not properly repaired.

The bill may also be reduced by 50 percent if the water usage is above average use, as documented from previous billing periods.

Residents may be eligible for a full sewer credit if the spoiled water use, which was above normal use, did not enter the sanitary sewer system.

Finally, residents may be eligible for a 50 percent credit for sewer usage if the spoiled water use, which was above normal use, did enter the sanitary sewer sys-

tem.

Thayer said he recommended that the city council adopt a water line breakage policy after the children of city residents, who were handling their parents' financial affairs, questioned a high water bill from the city.

"We had nothing in writing, and I like having things a little tighter," Thayer said.

Thayer has the authority to reduce the water and sewer bills. People who don't like the decisions made about their water and sewer bills can appeal the decisions to the city council.

"If people have the same problem, this policy ensures that they're all going to be treated the same," Thayer said.

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March Madness 2008

Grayling to play Bucks in first round of districts

■ GHS to host District 63-B tournament next Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

March is still a few calendar days away, but "March Madness" – basketball playoff tournaments and the furor surrounding them – is here.

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team will start its 2008 tournament run with a round one district game against a nonconference rival next Monday.

The Vikings (7-12) will play the Roscommon Bucks (15-4) – a team Grayling has faced twice already this season – on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at Grayling High School. The other three teams in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District 63-B boys basketball tournament – Petoskey (10-9), Cheboygan (11-7), and Elk Rapids (6-11) – all drew first round byes.

In the first meeting between Grayling and Roscommon this year – the team's season opener on Tuesday, Dec. 4 – the Vikings defeated the Bucks by a final score of 59-54 at GHS. In the rematch at Roscommon on Monday, Jan. 10, the Bucks won 70-61.

The winner of the Grayling vs. Roscommon District 63-B game on Monday will play Elk Rapids in the semifinals on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:50 p.m. at GHS. Petoskey and Cheboygan will play at 6 p.m. on Wednesday night in the first semifinal game of the tournament. The district championship game will be played at GHS on Friday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m.

The Vikings have also played Elk Rapids – their semifinal opponent if they win on Monday – twice this year. Both teams play in the Lake Michigan Conference. Unlike Grayling's series vs. Roscommon, the road team won both of the GHS vs. Elk Rapids contests this year. Both games were decided by

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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



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6'0" Senior-Guard



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Spencer DEAN
6'4" Junior-Forward



Rocky McNAMARA
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Ross TEEPLE
6'3" Junior-Center



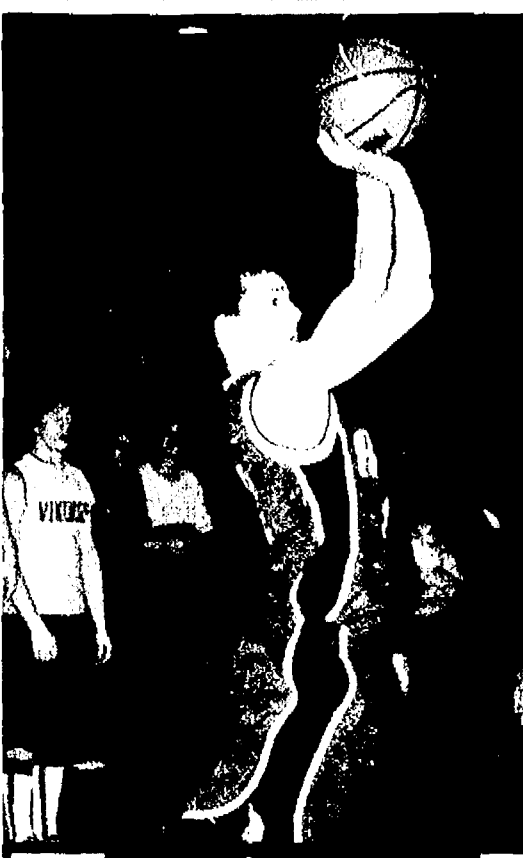
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Richard Schreiber
#12
Senior
Guard

Richard Schreiber
Grayling Vikings

Richard Schreiber
#12
Senior
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
199	70	70	49	3


Josh Stapleton
#2
Senior
Guard

Josh Stapleton
Grayling Vikings

Josh Stapleton
#2
Senior
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
194	35	55	50	0






Trent Larm
#30
Junior
Forward

Trent Larm
Grayling Vikings

Trent Larm
#30
Junior
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
192	73	18	47	3


Tyler Steffey
#50
Junior
Center

Tyler Steffey
Grayling Vikings

Tyler Steffey
#50
Junior
Center

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
109	77	4	16	15






Spencer Dean
#20
Junior
Forward

Spencer Dean
Grayling Vikings

Spencer Dean
#20
Junior
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
103	130	24	25	1

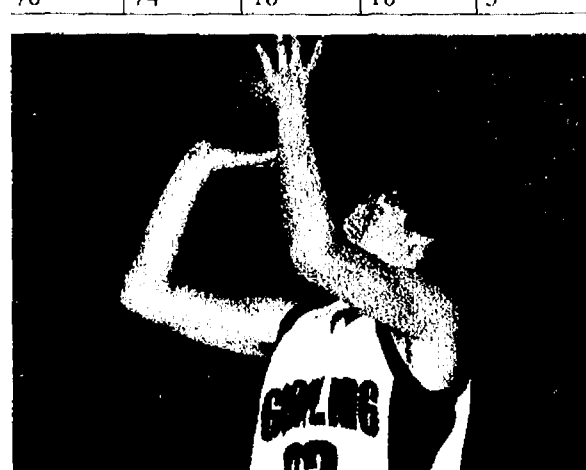

Rocky McNamara
#22
Senior
Forward

Rocky McNamara
Grayling Vikings

Rocky McNamara
#22
Senior
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
76	74	10	16	5


Jason Drudge
#32
Senior
Guard

Jason Drudge
Grayling Vikings

Jason Drudge
#32
Senior
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
50	16	24	27	0





Alex Gabriel
#3
Junior
Center

Alex Gabriel
Grayling Vikings

Alex Gabriel
#3
Junior
Center

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
44	54	12	15	0



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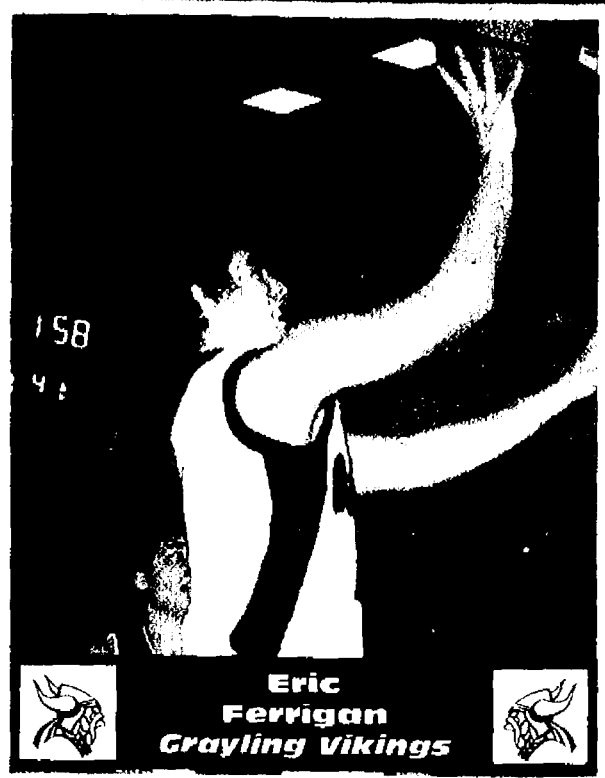
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Eric Ferrigan
#4
Junior
Forward

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Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
21	6	2	7	2



Eric Ferrigan
Grayling Vikings



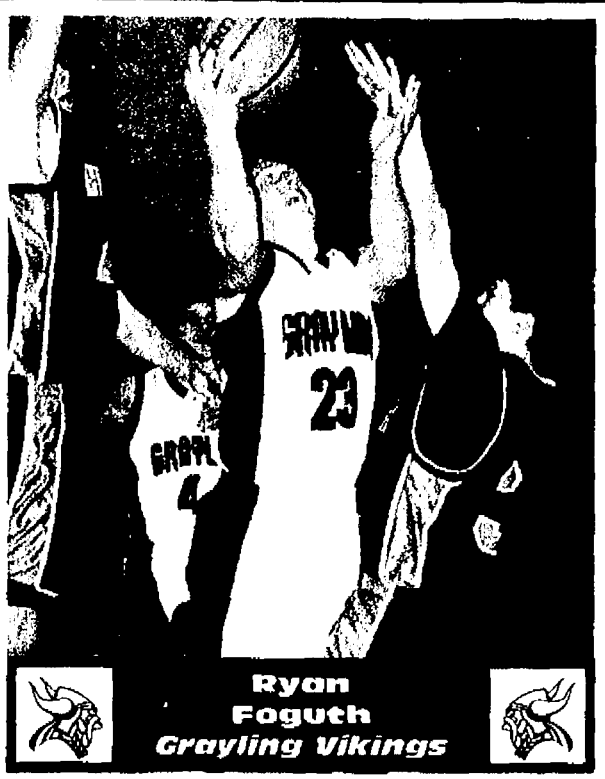
Matt McDonald
#42
Senior
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
11	31	1	10	0



Matt McDonald
Grayling Vikings



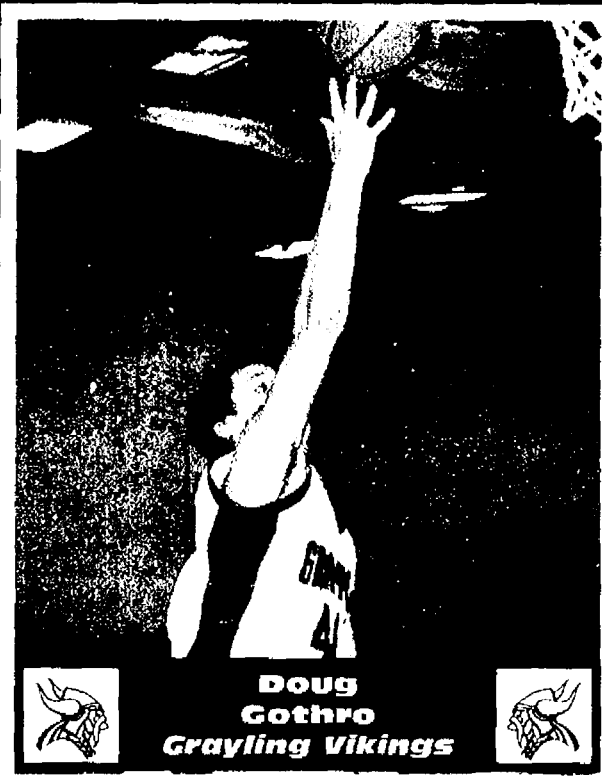
Ryan Foguth
#23
Junior
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
9	5	3	5	0



Ryan Foguth
Grayling Vikings



Doug Gothro
#40
Junior
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
7	15	0	4	3



Doug Gothro
Grayling Vikings



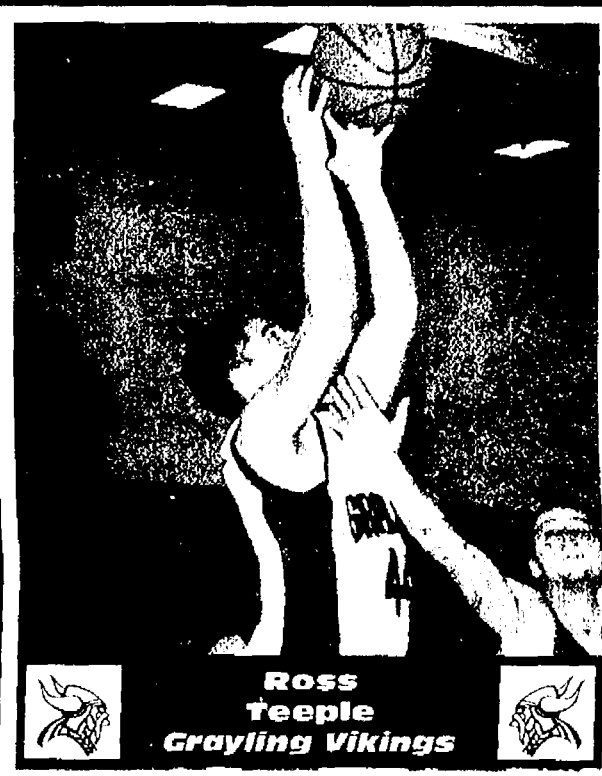
Jacob Aubry
#10
Junior
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
6	4	2	3	0



Jacob Aubry
Grayling Vikings



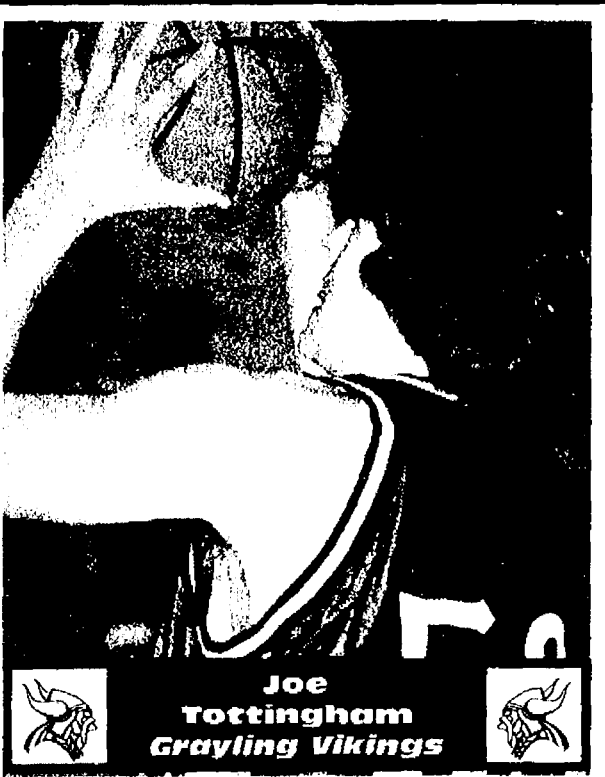
Ross Teeple
#44
Junior
Center

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
4	6	0	0	0



Ross Teeple
Grayling Vikings



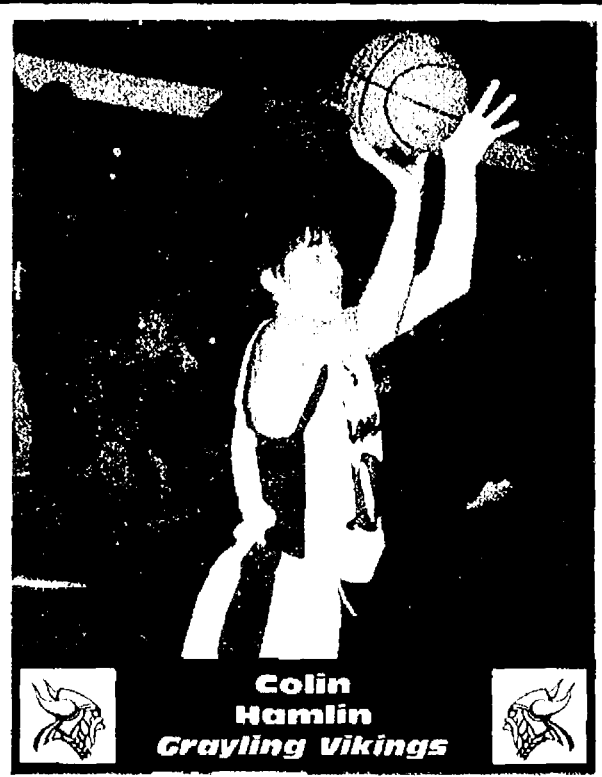
Joe Tottingham
#52
Sophomore
Forward

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Joe Tottingham
Grayling Vikings



Colin Hamlin
#20
Sophomore
Guard

2007-2008 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
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Colin Hamlin
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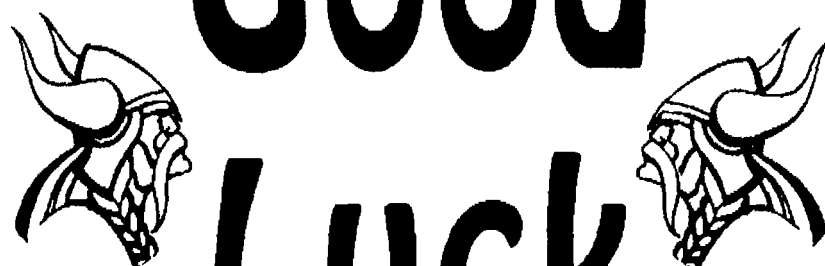
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Matt Haight, left, wrestles against Cheboygan during Thursday's district semifinals at Elk Rapids. Joey Contreras, right, battles an Elk Rapids opponent during the district finals.

Wrestling team defeats Chiefs, Elks to clinch district title

■ Vikings win 15 of 18 contested matches vs. Cheboygan and Elk Rapids on Thursday

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling squad posted a 15-3 record in contested matches during last Thursday's four-team District 167-3 tournament at Elk Rapids, defeating the Cheboygan Chiefs and the Elk Rapids Elks to clinch a second consecutive district championship.

In the 2008 tournament semifinals, Grayling battled Cheboygan and Elk Rapids wrestled against Kalkaska. The Elks defeated the Blazers 42-18 to advance to the finals.

In the Grayling vs. Cheboygan match, the Vikings won the first weight class (135 pounds) with a third round pin by Stephen Grove. The Chiefs won the second bout (140) with a 16-1 decision for five team points.

Zach Wolcott (145) won by pin in the second round. Cody Collen (152) pinned his opponent in the first round to win his 99th career match. Shane Grove (160) won by pin in the first round. Matt Haight (171) won his match in the third round when the bout was called due to injury. Joey

Contreras (189) scored a second round pin. Eric Madill (215) pinned his Cheboygan counterpart in the third round. Kyle Peters (heavyweight) won by pin in the first round.

Grayling led 48-5 with five weight classes remaining. With the victory clinched, the Vikings forfeited the final five matches. GHS won 48-35 and advanced to the district finals.

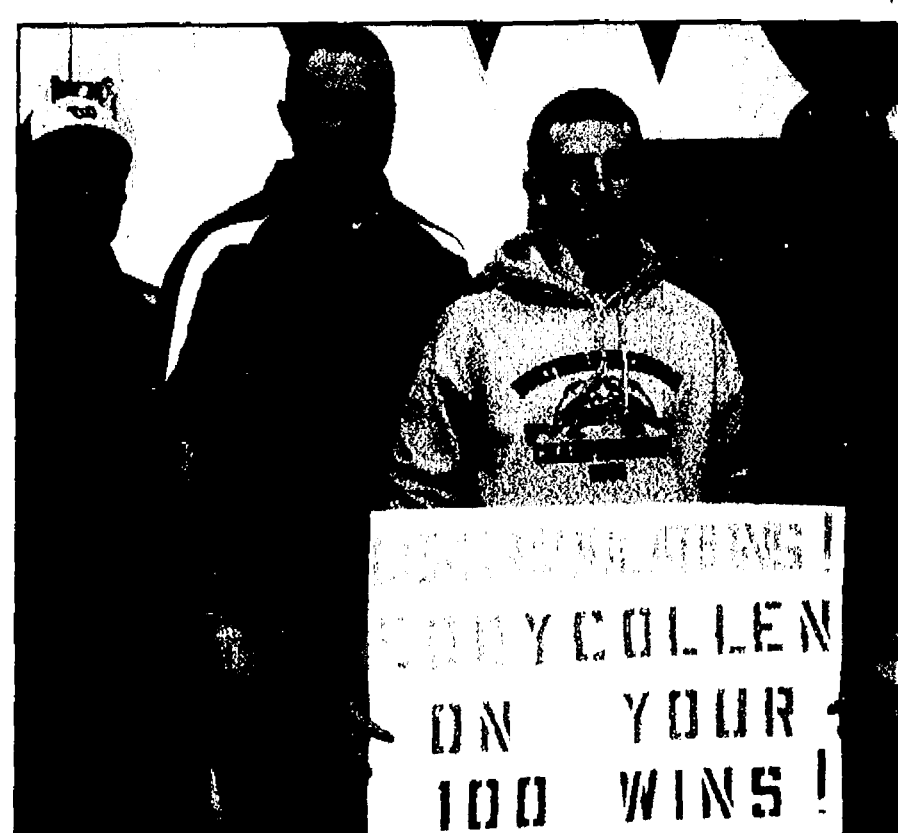
Mykel Revord (140) pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in the second round to give GHS a 6-0 lead.

Collen (145) picked up his 100th career high school wrestling victory with a first round pin vs. Elk Rapids.

Jon George (152) won by decision, 11-2, for four team points. Shane Grove (160) scored a first round pin. The Elks won the 171-pound division with a third round pin.

Madill (189) pinned his Elk Rapids counterpart in the second round. Contreras (215) scored a third round pin. Peters won the heavyweight division with a second round pin. Elk Rapids won the 103-pound division with a first round pin. Joe White (112) won by default, giving GHS a 46-12 lead.

Both teams forfeited 119 and 135. With the win clinched,



Cody Collen - pictured here with assistant coaches Dusty Partello (left) and Joe Ferrigan (second from left) and head coach Joe Ferrigan (right) - won his 100th career wrestling match at districts last week.

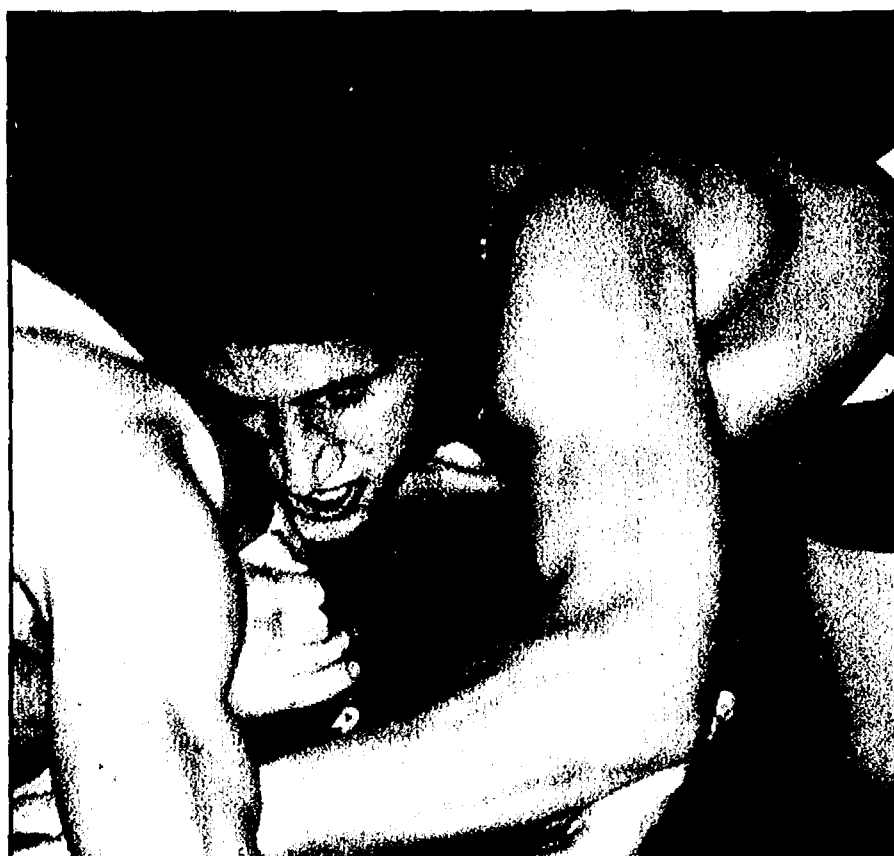
Grayling also forfeited at 125 and 130. The Vikings defeated Elk Rapids by a final score of 46-24.

"I'm proud of the way we wrestled," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "They have done everything we've asked them to all season long, and it paid off today."

Grayling also won last year's district tournament, defeating

Kalkaska and Cheboygan to clinch the 2007 District 167-3 championship.

The Vikings advanced to the Region 117-3 tournament, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Cheboygan. Grayling wrestles against Iron River-West in the regional semifinals. Roscommon battles Gladstone in the other semifinal match.



Jon George, left, wrestles against Elk Rapids in the district championship round on Thursday. Stephen Grove, right, grapples with a Cheboygan opponent on Thursday night.



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High Game Men: K. Harris, 212; E. Brosky, 186; B. Hollis, 179.
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 509; K. Moshier, 476; D. Miller, 467.
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 194; N. Glasslee, 179; H. Stairs, 177.

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High Game Men: D. Canfield, 232; P. Benardo, 204; J. Walls, 189.
High Series Women: M. Moshier, 568; M. Starks, 526; C. Moore, 450.
High Game Women: M. Moshier, 200; M. Starks, 190; C. Moore, 176.

Senior Bowling
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High Series Men: K. Harris, 572; P. Faustman, 523; O. Brantley, 517.
High Game Men: O. Brantley, 217; B. Hollis, 199; K. Harris, 195.
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 497; C. Clark, 444; P. Harris, 428.
High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 180; C. Clark, 161; M. Rysso, 157.

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High Game Men: P. Faustman, 190; K. Vaughn, 186; K. Slater, 178.
High Series Women: T. Hellebuyck, 467; E. Slater, 462; L. Mead, 450.
High Game Women: S. Sloan, 186; T. Hellebuyck, 183; T. Reed, 176.

Grayling Youth Juniors
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Strikers 8 - 4
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Pin Heads 3 - 9
Three Strikes 3 - 9
High Series Boys: A. Brill, 231; K. Richardson, 223; T.

Vandecasteele, 195.
High Game Boys: A. Brill, 134; K. Richardson, 126; T. Vandecasteele, 108.
High Series Girls: N. Woodyly, 208; B. Johnston, 195; M. Jankowski, 175.
High Game Girls: B. Johnston, 111; N. Woodyly, 107; C. Prosser, 101.

Grayling Youth Seniors
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Team 3 5 - 3
Team 5 4 - 4
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High Series Boys: M. Hellebuyck, 484; J. Fried, 461; M. Holton, 305.
High Game Boys: J. Fried, 181; M. Hellebuyck, 178; M. Holton, 120.
High Series Girls: A. Peck, 359; A. Ashton, 323; K. Harris, 306.
High Game Girls: A. Peck, 135; A. Ashton, 118; K. Harris, 112.

Three GHS skiers qualify for state finals

■ **Cassie Pizzi, Hannah Smith, and Mike Olson place in top 10 at regional meet**

Three Grayling High School skiers – Cassie Pizzi, Hannah Smith, and Mike Olson – placed high enough at last Thursday's regional meet at Crystal Mountain to earn a spot in the 2008 state ski finals.

Grayling's girls ski team placed 4th out of 12 teams at regionals. Pizzi, who placed 7th in giant slalom (GS) and 5th in slalom, qualified for the state finals in both events. Smith finished 6th in slalom to secure a state finals berth. She placed 13th in GS. Hailey McMahon was 25th in slalom and 51st in GS. Peggy Currison took 33rd in GS and

34th in slalom.

"(The) girls put together a great performance today," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "After slalom, they were nine points behind Manistee and nine points in front of Cadillac. Cadillac won the GS event. They were just too much for us."

Grayling's boys team placed 10th out of 12 teams at regionals. Olson placed 6th in slalom to earn a spot in the state finals. He placed 22nd in GS. Matt Hilbrecht was 25th (tie) in GS. Peter Alexander took 39th in slalom and 48th in GS. Brady Coe placed 43rd in GS and 45th in slalom.

"The boys had a rough day. There was a lot of competition and they had to hold the throttle wide open to get to the next level," Coach Gariglio said.

"Cassie Pizzi qualified for state in both events. Mike Olson and Hannah Smith qualified in slalom. All three were also selected to the all-region team," Coach Gariglio said.

Grayling finished 2nd and 3rd at a five-team meet at Schuss Mountain on Friday, Feb. 8.

The boys team took 3rd with 96.5 points. Harrison (37 points) took 1st and Elk Rapids placed 2nd (85 points). Inland Lakes was 4th (97 points).

Olson finished 4th in slalom and 13th (tie) in GS. Alexander was 12th in slalom and 16th in GS. Coe took 10th in GS and 18th in slalom. Hilbrecht finished 4th in GS. John Ventline was 19th in slalom and 22nd in GS. Mike Harmon placed 20th in slalom and Matt Dunkel finished 19th in GS.

In the girls competition, Inland Lakes took 1st with 53 points. Grayling placed 2nd with 79 points, and Bellaire was 3rd with 90 points. Harrison (103 points) and Elk Rapids (121 points) finished 4th and 5th, respectively.

Pizzi won the slalom race and took 3rd in GS. Smith finished 2nd in slalom. McMahon took 6th in slalom and 7th in GS. Kara Summers was 11th in GS and 22nd in slalom.

"Both teams skied very well," Coach Gariglio said. "We lost one of our top boys in both events. Mike Olson went down in GS and came back his second run to give us the half point edge over Inland Lakes. (The) girls team broke out of their slump. The win was within their grasp, but Inland Lakes outperformed us in GS."



Three Grayling High School skiers – Mike Olson (left), Cassie Pizzi (center), and Hannah Smith (right) – qualified for the state finals this year.

Varsity squad finishes regular season with two losses

■ **Vikings fall to Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators and East Jordan Red Devils**

The GHS varsity girls basketball team ended its 2007-2008 regular season with home losses to the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators and East Jordan Red Devils last week.

In the team's regular season finale on Tuesday night, the Vikings lost to Traverse City St. Francis 56-43.

The Gladiators led 28-22 at halftime. Grayling cut Traverse City's lead to as few as five during the third period, but the Gladiators pulled away down the stretch to win by 13.

"We are playing our best basketball of the year right now. We are in the right spots at the right time. We just need to take care of the ball a bit better," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Alyssa Lewis's ankle has finally healed and has made a positive impact. Freshman Abbey Thomas has played well inside."

Laura Boylan had 19 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocks, and 3 steals for GHS. Lewis had 11 points and 4 rebounds. Sam Schreiber had 4 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals.



Laura Boylan shoots the ball for the Vikings during last week's game against East Jordan.

Thomas had 2 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 blocks.

The Vikings fell to East Jordan 63-35 at GHS on Monday.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Schreiber, 10 points; Boylan, 9 points, 8 rebounds; Lewis, 6 points, 4 rebounds; Thomas, 6 points, 4 rebounds.

"We more than doubled our

score from the last time we played East Jordan. Our team has been playing much better. It's unfortunate all people see on TV is the final score. These girls play their hearts out. There is no stat for that, but you know it when you see it," Coach Sheehan said.

The Vikings (3-17) play in districts this week.



Alyssa Lewis, left, drives toward the basket for Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday. Jessica Bindschatel, right, handles the ball for GHS.



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JV boys basketball team defeats Blazers 54-45

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball squad defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 54-45 last Wednesday at GHS.

Leading scorers for Grayling included:

Colin Hamlin, 15 points; Taylor Desenfants, 10 points; Tyler Hanson, 8 points; Joe Tottingham, 7 points; Jordan Small, 7 points; Josh Johnson, 5 points.

"We did a much better job defending Kalkaska's big kid during this game. The first time we played Kalkaska, (he) scored

28 points. This time he scored 20 points, but most of them were in transition," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Jordan Small and Tyler Hanson had outstanding defensive games for us. Both of them took turns guarding (Kalkaska's leading scorer) in the post. Taylor Desenfants played his best game of the year. Colin Hamlin sat most of the game in foul trouble, and Taylor stepped up on both the offensive and defensive end of the floor. Our scoring for the game was very balanced, and this was a

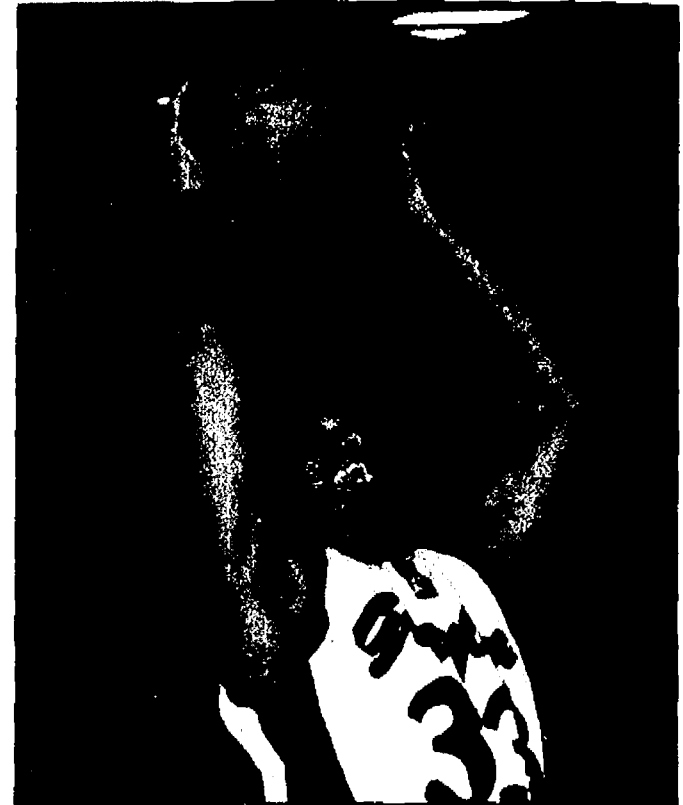
nice team victory."

On Friday night, the Vikings lost 70-26 vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

Grayling's leading scorers were Hamlin (9 points), Tottingham (8 points), and Johnson (3 points). Desenfants, Hanson, and Small had 2 points each.

"This is a very talented Traverse City team," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling's (10-9) season finale was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Boyne City.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Wesley Willoughby, left, handles the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday vs. Kalkaska. Shivam Patel, right, grabs a rebound vs. the Blazers.

JV squad ends year with losses to East Jordan, TCSF

The Grayling Vikings ended their 2007-2008 junior varsity girls basketball season with losses to the East Jordan Red Devils and the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators last week.

On Monday, in a game that was rescheduled from Jan. 29, the Vikings fell to East Jordan 51-34 at GHS.

Grayling's leading scorers included: Kirstie Wakeley, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals; Teresa Schreiber, 10 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals; Mackenzie Harwood, 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal. Iva Haven, Haley Wiseman, and Hali Miller had 2 points each. Miller and Wiseman had 5 rebounds each.

"We started out the first quarter with a very strong offensive game. Defensively, we struggled keeping East Jordan's Shaina Peters from scoring. Peters ended up scoring 26 points. No other Red Devil had double figures. Our defense improved, but our offense struggled in the second and third quarters. The girls just did not seem to have the energy they usually play with. Down 23 in the fourth, we started to press and the energy level increased. We played a much better game, cutting the

lead to 12 at one point. This was a vast improvement over the last time we played East Jordan. The team proved that it is improving every day," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"I felt our press break was excellent most of the night and our rebounding was very good. The last time, East Jordan dominated us on the boards. Freshmen Hali Miller and Iva Haven have really helped us these last few games with Hali's size and Iva's quickness. I am excited about their futures as Grayling basketball players, as well as all the other girls on this team. There is a bright future ahead for our program as long as the girls make a commitment to become the best basketball players they can," Coach Hofman said.

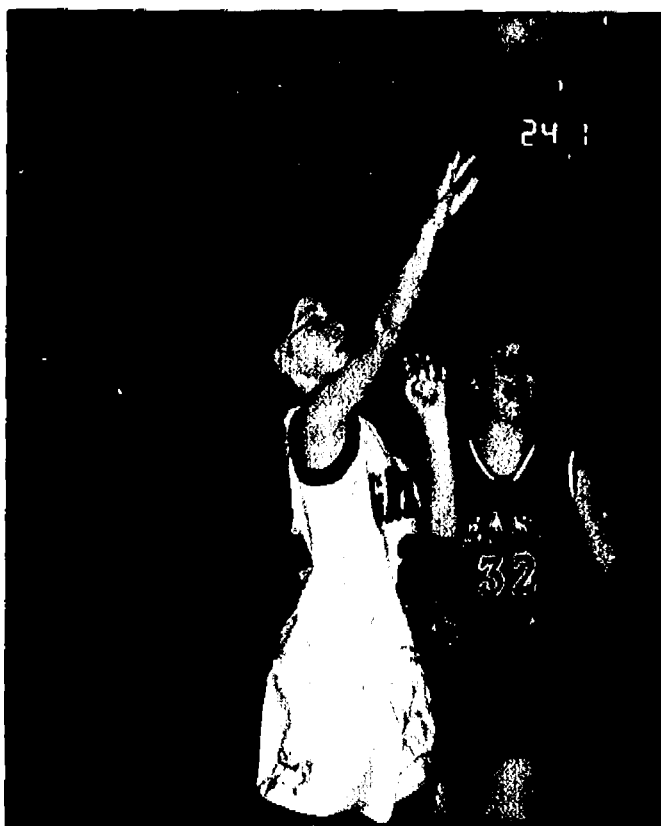
On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a home game vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators 54-32 in Grayling's season finale.

Scoring leaders for Grayling included: Harwood, 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Naomi Anglemeyer, 7 points, 6 rebounds; Schreiber, 5 points, 3 rebounds; Wakeley, 3 points, 8 rebounds; Miller, 4 points, 7 rebounds.

"The girls played a solid first half against a team that they were

losing to 26-1 the first time we played. Defensively, we played well, but turned the ball over too many times, which allowed the Gladiators to score some easy points. We broke the press well, but just seemed to lose the ball on a lot of unforced errors. Offensively, we were pretty consistent from quarter to quarter, but the Gladiators got hot in the second part of the second quarter and pulled ahead 28-13 at half-time," Coach Hofman said. "We played a good third quarter, which seemed to be the quarter we struggle in the most. Our press seemed to disrupt them and we had a lot of turnovers, but could not convert them into points. The girls need to learn to finish those lay-ups or short shots. I was pleased with the effort and hustle, and we again rebounded well against a team that really hurt us the last time on the boards."

"The girls had a good year. They improved in many aspects of their individual and team games. They showed a lot of dedication throughout the year and drive to become better basketball players. The future is bright for Grayling High School girls basketball," Coach Hofman said.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Iva Haven, left, shoots the ball for the Vikings during Monday's JV game against East Jordan. Hali Miller, right, handles the ball for Grayling vs. TCSF.

POOL LEAGUE

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6 Ball Run: Rose (Frederic Inn), Angie (Sawmill); 7 Ball Run: Siss (Frederic Inn); 8 Ball Run: Annette (Frederic Inn).

LEGAL ACTION

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

FEBRUARY 12, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman. Absent: None.
Pledge of Allegiance
Public comment.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept consent agenda, January Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for February, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to approve payment of

\$39,951.40 to CSI as down payment on truck. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to adopt South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Nay, George - Nay, Janisse - Nay. Ayes: Two. Nays: Three. Motion not passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to remove the streetlight in front of 10303 Chase Bridge Rd. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve South Branch Township Cemetery Policy with amended verbiage. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept for payment the invoice, in the amount of \$1,065.00 from BS&A Software for service and tech support for the year 2008. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept the amendments to the General Fund and Fire Fund as presented. Roll call vote: George - Aye, Musselman - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Janisse - Aye, Luck - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kozlowski opened the Budget Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2008/2009 South Branch Township Budget.

The Public Hearing on the Budget was closed at 8:42 p.m.
The floor was opened to Public comment.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Alan Hammer Jr. and Jocelyn Olivia Hammer, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 28, 2002 and recorded April 4, 2002 in Liber 576, Page 163, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank, N.A., Successor Trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$92,369.10) including interest at 11.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 10 and 11, River Oaks Subdivision, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 31, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 362.2855

-31-7-14-21

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary J. Wojdan, and Renee L. Wojdan, husband and wife, to Coldwell Banker Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2003 and recorded September 12, 2003 in Liber 651, Page 545, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Fifty-Six and 82/100 Dollars (\$60,056.82) including interest at 6.336% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 19, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1-C: Part of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the

Southeast one-quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degree 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 1298.19 feet along the East line of said Section 11 and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degree 09 minutes 50 seconds West 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West 275.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 09 minutes 50 seconds East 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East 275.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and along with the right of ingress and egress and Public utilities over 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of "Old U.S. 27 Highway" located distant North 01 degree 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 14, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 310.2495

-14-21-28-6

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Glen R. Carlson, a single man, to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2002 and recorded August 7, 2002 in Liber 591, Page 237, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Washington Mutual Bank, FA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 26/100 Dollars (\$164,887.26) including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 26, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South one-half of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 21, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 362.3089

-21-28-6-13

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENTS TO THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE, #02-1

The City of Grayling Ordains:

- (1) Increase the fine to \$20.00 for leaving trash receptacles at the curb outside a 48 hour period.
- (2) Prohibits grass or weeds 8 inches in height or taller as measured on the 15th of the month, May-October.
- (3) Requires all vehicles stored or parked outside to be licensed, with limited exceptions.

This amending ordinance was adopted by City Council on February 11, 2008. These amendments go into effect ten days after publication of this notice. A certified copy of the ordinance is available for review in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling.

Michele A. Moshier

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael Weaver and Rhonda Weaver, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Equifirst Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 24, 2007 and recorded January 30, 2007 in Liber 685 Page 106 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$102,192.81) including interest 8.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 3, Portage Heights, Grayling Township, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 10356 Monroe Ave, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 8, 2008 Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-87210

-14-21-28-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara A. Whitney and Gary L. Whitney, Wife and Husband, to "MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument. Lender is Popular Financial Services Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 15, 2005, in Liber 674, on Page 214, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-A by an assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty eight thousand two hundred twenty one and 33/100 dollars (\$88,221.33) including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel No. 1:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West; thence East 220 feet for a Place of Beginning; then South 594 feet; thence East 273.5 feet thence North 594 feet; thence West

273.5 feet to the Place of Beginning.

Parcel No. 2:
Beginning 24 rods West and 31 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, for a Place of Beginning; thence South 49 rods; to the one eighth line; thence West 26 rods; thence North 49 rods; thence East 26 rods to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

Parcel No. 3:
A part of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as commencing 24 rods West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter; thence West 26 rods; thence South 31 rods; thence East 26 rods; thence North 31 rods to the Place of Beginning.

TAX ID NUMBER 030-011-006-060-00

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: January 3, 2008

The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-A,

assignee of Mortgagee

Richard A. Green, Attorneys,
30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 540-7665

-7-14-21-28

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife to

Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$71,732.95) including interest 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 26, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 210 Rolla St., Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 14, 2008 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-87327

-21-28-6-13

PUBLIC NOTICE

Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30pm on March 4, 2008. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 11, 2008 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm
March 15, 2008 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act PA267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts during the 2008-2009 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 8, 2008
May 13, 2008
June 10, 2008
July 8, 2008
August 12, 2008
September 9, 2008
October 14, 2008
November 11, 2008
December 9, 2008
January 13, 2009
February 10, 2009
March 10, 2009

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION will be meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, July 8, 2008, October 7, 2008 and January 6, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

LOVELLS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will be meeting at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, April 7, 2008 and on Monday, October 6, 2008 both at 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008, Wednesday, March 12, 2008 and Tuesday, July 22, 2008 and December 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

ALL changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 10, 2008, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 13, 2008, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 10, 2008.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2008 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48853
(989) 275-8232.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven And 06/100 Dollars (\$120,697.06), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #186646F01

-7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene D. Restainer and Myrna L. Restainer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 13, 2002, and recorded on March 12, 2003 in Liber 623 on Page 332, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Two And 79/100 Dollars (\$35,782.79), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 3

West. Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North (along the North and South 1/4 line), 993.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 331.01 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes East (along the South 1/8 line), 328.24 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East, 331.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 30 second West, 328.29 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #140699F02

-14-21-28-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis D Pearce and Laura L Pearce, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on October 12, 2001 in Liber 0555 on Page 586, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred And 16/100 Dollars (\$47,500.16), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the center section 30, town 25 north, range 2 west, thence south 89 degrees 34 minutes east (along the east and west 1/4 line) 357 feet to the point of beginning thence continuing south 89 degrees 34 minutes east 294 feet; thence

south 0 degrees 25 minutes west 1103 feet to the centerline of county road; thence south 74 degrees 50 minutes west (along centerline of county road) 303.75 feet; thence north 0 degrees 25 minutes west 1184.40 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of section 30, town 25 north, range 2 west

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #183748F01

-31-7-14-21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wayne Vanpelt; a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated

July 6, 2006, and recorded on July 19, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 405, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four And 38/100 Dollars (\$84,994.38), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 16, Roffee's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #143808F02

-31-7-14-21

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THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A Antonini, Jr., and Sandra L Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 53/100 Dollars (\$345,860.53), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73

feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Westerly Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.50 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.0 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Lot Lines extend to the Waters Edge.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #187200F01

-14-21-28-6

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2008 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	49.79	1.0042
Commercial	51.80	0.9653
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	49.40	1.0121

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 12, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 14, 2:00 to 5:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2007, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

2008 DOG LICENSE FEES ARE:

\$15.00 for male and female dogs
\$8.00 for altered dogs

BEWARE Beginning March 1st

All License Fees Will Be \$25.00

IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A DOG LICENSE
YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF A RABIES VACCINATION
AND PROOF THE ANIMAL WAS ALTERED

Questions, call the Crawford County Treasurer's office at
344-3204

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Buckalew and Kimberly Buckalew, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 1998, and recorded on August 17,

1998 in Liber 461 on Page 34, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Two And 40/100 Dollars (\$27,492.40), including interest at 7.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Thence South 20 Rods, Thence West 8 Rods, Thence North 20 Rods,

Thence East 8 Rods to the Point of Beginning, Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #106377F02

-14-21-28-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

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FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cheryl Robbins and Roger L. Robbins, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank (Northern Michigan), Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on March 1, 2002 in Liber 572 on Page 140, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of Certificateholders and the Certificate Insurer of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One And 04/100 Dollars (\$40,171.04), including interest at 12.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the South 3/4 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West commencing at the South 1/4 corner

of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes East along the North and South 1/4 line, 1300.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 658.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East 330 feet; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds East 330 feet; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds West 330 feet; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds West 330 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #101345F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian E. Rasmusson, a married man and Bethany M. Rasmusson, his

wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2003, and recorded on January 5, 2004 in Liber 664 on Page 565, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five And 83/100 Dollars (\$68,345.83), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence North along the North and South 1/4 line, 1325.4 feet to 1/8 corner; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/8 line, 733.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 749.5 feet to the Southerly line of Chapp's Manor, thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East along said Southerly line, 466.0 feet, thence North 73.6 feet, thence South 58 degrees 31 minutes East 137.8 feet, thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/8 line, 751.23 feet, thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds West 584.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Juana Essmaker, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2007, and recorded on April 24, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 630, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen And 11/100 Dollars (\$115,416.11), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 11, Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 2 of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #187573F01

-14-21-28-6

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

To the residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, regulating the development and use of land, has been adopted by the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township at a meeting held February 5, 2008. The following summarizes the subject matter of the Amendment:

Section 1 Amendments to Text

- Article I References new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act in place of the former Township Zoning Act.
Article II Amends or includes definitions of Building Accessory, Home Occupations, Mobile Home, Preliminary Site Plan, Shed, Single Family Dwelling, and Subdivision.
Article III Amends regulations pertaining to Site Plan Review, Zoning Permits in Relation to Building Permits, and Condominium Subdivisions, including Site Condominiums.
Article IV Amends Permitted Principal Uses and Permitted Accessory Uses in the RD Resource Development District.
Article V Amends sawmill regulations in the AR Agricultural Residential District.
Article VI Amends road requirements for properties obtaining special use permits with conditions.
Article VIIA Amends road requirements for properties obtaining special use permits under with conditions.
Article VIIB Creates entirely new zoning district, entitled MH Mobile Home Parks and Mobile Home Plats District, with regulations contained in sections pertaining to a statement of Purpose, Permitted Uses, Permitted Special Uses with Conditions, Permitted Accessory Uses, Permitted Accessory Uses With Conditions, and Dimensional Requirements.
Article XI Amends sections pertaining to public hearing requirements to conform to existing state laws, pertaining to security required for mining operations and includes regulations for large build ings.
Article XII Amends section to include regulations for new MH District Classification, reference to current state laws and new regulations pertaining to landscaping, parking and storm water retention areas within a Planned Unit Development.
Article XIII Amends certain sections dealing with replacement of mobile homes outside of mobile home parks or plats, revising accessory building provisions, storage of junk or junk vehicles, requiring frontage access roads in certain locations, fencing or wall requirements around commercial or industrial waste receptacle areas, parking and storage of recreational vehicles in residential areas, landscaping of storm water retention areas, limiting household pets to 4 per household unless on smaller lots, handling lot splits, regulating wind turbines, eliminating any restriction on the size of accessory structures compared to principal structures, camping in licensed camper vehicles only in certain districts, and a new section on storage of dismantled, partially dismantled, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles.
Article XVI Amended Off-Street Parking, Loading and Un loading Requirements Section to include requirements and regulations for frontage roads and service drives.
Article XVII Amend sign regulations as to size of church announcement signs, to specify reflective green street signs to identify individual addresses, billboards and outdoor advertising signs, temporary "for-rent" or "for-sale" signs, and removal of violating signs.
Article XVIII Amend Site Plan Review Procedures as to mobile home district, single family and two family site condominiums, duties of Zoning Administrator regarding site plans and regulations for final site plan approval.
Article XIX Amend Administration and Enforcement regulations to comply with new state law, matters requiring zoning permits, enforcement procedures, and to provide for Municipal Civil Infractions.
Article XX Amends powers of Zoning Board of Appeals as to granting variances and other procedures under the new law.
Article XXI Revises amendment procedures to comply with new law.

Section 2 Amendments to Zoning Map

Range 3 properties in the following Land Sections having zoning district changes: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36.
Range 4 properties in the following Land Sections having zoning district changes: 26, 34, 35.

Section 3 Severability

The provisions are severable from any invalid provisions.

Section 4 Effective Date

Seven days following publication.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if, within seven (7) days after publication of this Ordinance, a registered elector residing in a portion of the Township outside the limits of cities and villages files with the Township Clerk a Notice of Intent to file a petition within thirty (30) days following publication of this Notice, signed by a number of registered electors residing in the portion of the Township outside of the limits of cities and villages equal to not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected, requesting the submission of the new Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the electors residing in the portion of the Township outside the limits of cities and villages for their approval, the Ordinance shall not take effect until one of the following occurs:

- Expiration of thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance, if a Petition is not filed with in that time.
- If a Petition is filed within thirty (30) days after publication of this Notice, the Township Clerk determines that the Petition is inadequate; or
- If a Petition is filed within thirty (30) days after publication of this Notice, the Township Clerk determines that the Petition is adequate and the Ordinance is approved by a majority of the registered electors in the portion of the Township outside the limits of cities and villages voting thereon at the next regular election which supplies reasonable time for proper notice and printing of ballots, or at any special election called for the purpose.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment and the Zoning Map may be inspected and a copy of same may be purchased by contacting the Beaver Creek Township Clerk at the address and telephone set forth below during regular business hours.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 275-8878

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, 2008 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will reconvene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 10th, 2008, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 15th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agriculture	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

CRAWFORD COUNTY BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case# PB080007 Requesting 125' variance from the AuSable River, for 10'x26' addition.

Petitioner: Mark & Pamela Meadows
244 Lexington Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823-4652

The above case refers to the following described property:
1220 Moffatt Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

Legal Desc: BEING A PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 12, T26N R1W DESC AS: COM AT THE W 1/4 COR OF SD SEC 12; TH N 0DEG 19MIN W ALG THE SEC LINE 1134.72 FT; TH N 47DEG 42 MIN 13SEC E ALG THE AUSABLE RIVER 113.14 FT

Township: South Branch

Property Code: 063-012-006-120-00
Zoning District: RDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Beverly McIntosh, single woman as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2005, and recorded on October 20, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 953, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven And 74/100 Dollars (\$53,667.74), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of Lot 12, Block 5, Hadley's amended, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #185656F01

-7-14-21-28

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy S Milbocker and Lori A Milbocker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2003, and recorded on March 24, 2003 in Liber 624 on Page 561, and rerecorded on August 21, 2003 in Liber 648 on Page 411, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty And 03/100 Dollars (\$116,240.03), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19,

Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, beginning at a point located distant North 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds East, along the east line of said Section 19, a distance of 507.05 feet and North 61 degrees 00 minutes West, 186.75 feet and North 83 degrees 37 minutes West, 60.0 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said section 19; thence continuing North 83 degrees 37 minutes West, 65.0 feet; thence

North 72 degrees 22 minutes West, 136.66 feet; thence South 53 degrees 49 minutes West, 97.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 28 minutes West, 256.68 feet; thence North 08 degrees 07 minutes East, 181.20 feet; thence North 33 degrees 59 minutes East, 377.93 feet; thence North 53 degrees 59 minutes East, 389.43 feet; thence South 52 degrees 45 minutes East, 257.24 feet to the point of ending on the east line of said Section 19.

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the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence North 61 degrees 00 minutes West, 186.75 feet; thence North 83 degrees 37 minutes West, 125.0 feet; thence North 72 degrees 22 minutes West, 136.66 feet; thence South 53 degrees 49 minutes West, 97.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 28 minutes West, 256.68 feet; thence North 08 degrees 07 minutes East, 181.20 feet; thence North 33 degrees 59 minutes East, 377.93 feet; thence North 53 degrees 59 minutes East, 389.43 feet; thence South 52 degrees 45 minutes East, 257.24 feet to the point of ending on the east line of said Section 19.

Parcel 4: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, beginning at a point located distant North 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 19, a distance of 507.05 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence North 61 degrees 00 minutes West,

186.75 feet; thence North 83 degrees 37 minutes West, 60.0 feet; thence North 30 degrees 34 minutes West, 575.37 feet; thence North 53 degrees 59 minutes East, 389.43 feet; thence South 52 degrees 45 minutes East, 257.24 feet to the East line of said Section 19; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West, 665.91 feet to the point of beginning. Along with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 19, located North 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds East, 407.05 feet from the

East 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence 51 degrees 00 minutes West, 186.75 feet; thence North 83 degrees 37 minutes West, 125.0 feet; thence North 72 degrees 22 minutes West, 136.66 feet; thence South 53 degrees 49 minutes West, 97.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 28 minutes West, 256.68 feet; thence North 08 degrees 07 minutes East, 181.20 feet; thence North 33 degrees 59 minutes East, 377.93 feet; thence North 53 degrees 59 minutes East, 389.43 feet; thence South 52 degrees 45 minutes East, 257.24 feet to the point of ending on the east line of said Section 19.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 21, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC L 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #180614F01

-21-28-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed on August 20, 2001, by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, as Mortgagor, to Chemical Bank West, as Mortgagee, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan on August 21, 2001, in Liber 0550, Page 005, which mortgage was assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, now known as Chemical Bank, by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 20, 2001, recorded August 21, 2001, in Liber 0550, Page 020, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"), on which Mortgage there is claimed to be an indebtedness, as defined by the Mortgage, due and unpaid in the amount of Twenty One Thousand Fifty and 96/100 Dollars (\$21,050.96), as of the date of this notice, including principal and interest, and other costs secured by the Mortgage, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Crawford County Courthouse lobby, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the unpaid amount of the indebtedness due on the Mortgage, together with legal costs and expenses of sale, certain property located in Crawford County, Michigan, described in the Mortgage as follows:

LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 43 FEET OF THE NORTH 215 FEET OF THE EAST 133 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 31, T25N, R4W.

Commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Rd., Roscommon, Michigan.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 7, 2008
MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

Attorneys for Chemical Bank
By: Lori L Purkey, Esq.
444 West Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
-7-14-21-28

2008

CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS ASSESSED EQUALIZED RATIOS FACTORS

BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	150,500	151,135	49.79	1.0042
201	Commercial	4,113,600	3,970,656	51.80	0.9653
301	Industrial	13,350,200	13,350,200	50.00	1.0000
401	Residential	68,129,650	68,957,135	49.40	1.0121
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		85,743,950	86,429,126		
TOTAL PERSONAL		23,854,400	23,854,510	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		109,598,350	110,283,636		

FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	2,216,400	2,483,639	44.62	1.1206
301	Industrial	487,900	459,849	53.05	0.9425
401	Residential	67,962,300	72,284,939	47.01	1.0638
501	Timber Cut-Over	2,045,700	1,652,156	61.91	0.8076
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		72,712,300	76,880,583		
TOTAL PERSONAL		7,123,600	7,123,675	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		79,835,900	84,004,258		

GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	10,395,900	10,586,456	49.10	1.0183
301	Industrial	13,905,700	14,061,187	49.45	1.0111
401	Residential	234,459,700	243,670,442	48.11	1.0393
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		258,761,300	268,318,085		
TOTAL PERSONAL		6,249,200	6,249,200	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		265,010,500	274,567,285		

LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	2,319,900	2,349,503	49.37	1.0128
301	Industrial	-	-	-	-
401	Residential	67,071,000	69,500,123	48.25	1.0363
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		69,390,900	71,849,626		
TOTAL PERSONAL		4,131,600	4,131,557	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		73,522,500	75,981,183		

MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	1,150,900	1,032,938	55.71	0.8975
301	Industrial	1,721,000	1,588,517	54.17	0.9230
401	Residential	28,694,300	28,021,777	51.20	0.9766
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		31,566,200	30,643,232		
TOTAL PERSONAL		1,944,800	1,944,800	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		33,510,800	32,587,832		

SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	4,447,100	4,137,607	53.74	0.9304
301	Industrial	-	-	-	-
401	Residential	115,627,700	117,221,918	49.32	1.0138
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	1,351,100	1,020,622	66.19	0.7554
TOTAL REAL		121,425,900	122,380,147		
TOTAL PERSONAL		3,259,500	3,259,500	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		124,685,400	125,639,647		

CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2008

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	32,980,500	35,493,435	48.46	1.0762
301	Industrial	7,257,700	7,280,999	49.84	1.0032
401	Residential	21,756,200	22,470,770	48.41	1.0328
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		61,994,400	65,245,204		
TOTAL PERSONAL		8,155,200	8,155,234	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		70,149,600	73,400,438		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 10, 2008 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. The budgets will be accepted on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Fred Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 4, 2008 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;
Mon., March 10, 2008 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 13, 2008 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 22, 1962 - Pictured are the team members of the Kobe's, a Grayling Jumbo basketball league. L to R; (back row) Mike Allen, Mike McEvers, Tom Hatfield and Ralph Helsel; (front row) Mike Palmer, Pat Thompson and Dale Slusser.

23 Years Ago

February 21, 1985

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education has increased graduation requirements at Grayling High School. The biggest change in requirements increases the number of credits needed to graduate to 22, from the previous level of 20. Additionally, specific requirements have been increased in English, from three credits to four credits required, in mathematics, from one to two credits now required and 1/2 credit added for computer science.

Former Detroit Tiger star Bill

Freehan led the Wertz Warriors into Grayling last week on their way to the Special Olympics. Wertz Warriors help raise money for the Special Olympics.

State Senator Connie Binsfeld (R- Maple City) and Representative Ralph Ostling (R-Roscommon) announced that two grant applications, for a total of \$22,500, have been approved for projects in Crawford County. Binsfeld said she is especially delighted with a \$15,000 grant that will go to the county to study whether incineration of solid waste to create energy is econom-

ically feasible.

The following students have been nominated at the Grayling Middle School for Student of the Month: Rusty Argue, Jodi Ball, Tracy Chandonais, Amy Denton, Ken Elliott, Nathan Ginther, Kelly Leal, Tracy Levandowski, Karen Louchart, Joe Meoak, Rene Mertes, Jamie Petrie, Anne Petrosky, Truman Potter, Matt Spencer, Mary Stephan, Patti Trembley, David Bentley, Erma LaVigne and Patti Timmons.

46 Years Ago

February 22, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. James Madill of Frederic won last Sunday's Vernon slalom ski race, at the Grayling Winter Sports Park, when they turned in a combined time of three minutes, twenty-two and six-tenths seconds. Eleven teams competed in the race, which was set up as a giant slalom course. The kicker in the race was at each gate each skier had to stop and drink a full glass of Vernor's before continuing.

The Conservation Department honored three Crawford County men for 25 years of service. The three men were among 89 throughout the state to receive the awards which cover the years 1959, 1960 and 1961. The three local men awarded were: Alvin H. Moore, assistant hatchery superintendent at the Grayling State Fish Hatchery, Johannes Peterson, conservation foreman at Camp Grayling and Hartwick Pines State Park, and Clarence A. Roberts, conservation officer of Grayling.

St. Mary's School re-opened its doors on Monday, after being closed last week on Wednesday through Friday. The closing was due to high absenteeism due to influenza.

69 Years Ago

February 23, 1939

Junior Trudeau has a new pet. It is a baby alligator that came through the mail, sent to him by his grandmother, Mrs. Eva Wingard, who is vacationing in Florida.

The official temperature report from the Grayling Fish Hatchery is two below zero at 7 a.m. The sleet storm, that started Saturday, has left the roads slippery and not even the occasional sunshine can melt the ice and snow on the roads in town.

92 Years Ago

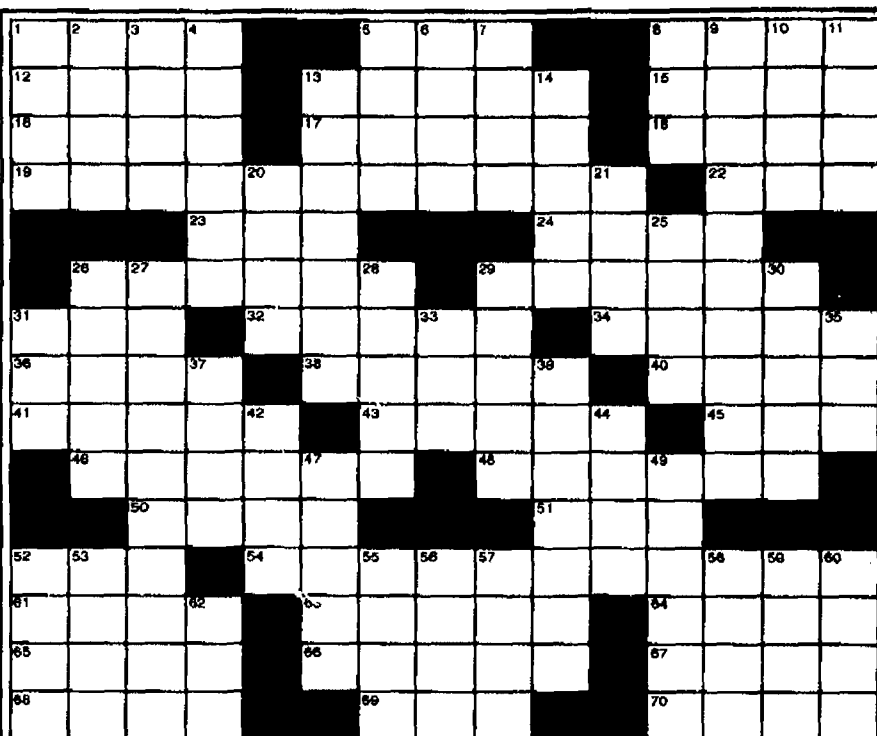
February 24, 1916

M. Brenner has moved the merchandise, from the state building next to the Opera House, to his residence. The store is being remodeled and will be used for a retail store by the Hanson Baking Company.

It was with pride and pleasure that the Junior class of 1917 entertained the Senior class, parents and friends with a dancing party in the school gym. The music was furnished by Clark's orchestra.

The Grayling School is fortunate in obtaining the services of L.C. Bungeard for an instructor in the gymnasium.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Total admission receipts at a sports event.
 - Small task.
 - German courtesy title used before the surname of an adult woman.
 - Village in Ohio.
 - Song off Pearl Jam's Binaural album.
 - Mid-Georgian cricketer John ...
 - Two or more draft animals that work together to pull something.
 - Lament for the dead.
 - Acronym for Indiana Campground Owners Association.
 - Bound collection of antipons.
 - Award winning Filipino singer/actress ... Salonga-Chien.
 - In addition.
 - Substitute for "also."
 - 1982 Kim Carnes album.
 - Opposite side.
 - Acronym for Linear Algebra Classes.
 - Male Russian monarchs prior to 1917.
 - Arrange in a particular way.
 - Non-scientific subjects, such as history, languages and philosophy.
 - Authoritative proclamation.
 - Very dark black.
 - Circular graduated indicators on various measuring instruments.
 - On the port side.
 - Movable cover.
 - Internet user's representation of themselves in computer games.
 - Male hawk, especially a male peregrine.
 - Surrounded by and one of.
 - Not one and not the other.
 - Aromatic bulb used as seasoning.
 - Deserving regret.
 - Child's toy vehicle for snow.
 - Representation of a scene in the form of a print recorded by a camera on light-sensitive material.
 - Desirable state.
 - Interior in significance.
 - Shoulder of the bolt of a lock on which the key acts to shoot the bolt.
 - Author ... Thor.
 - Fill to satisfaction.
 - Sum of nine and one.
 - Edible potato-like roots from a tropical climbing plant.
- Down
- Footwear, usually with wooden soles.
 - ... cannon, British-made 30mm cannon used on military aircraft.
 - Handle of a joiner's plane.
 - Feeling of a hostile person.
 - Metric unit of weight, approximately 2.2 pounds.
 - Occurring at fixed intervals.
 - Marked by foolishness.
 - Federal law enforcement agency that is the principal investigative arm of the Department of Justice.
 - Capable of being tightly closed again.
 - Mixed with myrrh and cassia in order to embalm Christ, according to Hebrew custom.
 - Dungeons and Dragons goddess of hills, mountains and gemstones.
 - Provide with different housing.
 - Poetry category that expresses emotion in a songlike way.
 - Composer of poetry.
 - Land around a house.
 - Martin L., member of Depeche Mode.
 - Miscellany.
 - Having a valence of eight.
 - Electronic instrument used to detect distant objects and measure their range by how they scatter or reflect radio energy.
 - Cravat with wide square ends secured with an ornamental pin.
 - Become unfit for consumption.
 - British for "stable boy."
 - Stretch of turbulent water in a sea caused by one current flowing into or across another current.
 - "The ..." song by The Doors.
 - Winning all or all but one of the tricks in bridge.
 - Washington defeated Hessian troops here in 1776.
 - Rapid bustling commotion.
 - Literal translation used in studying a foreign language often used illicitly.
 - Highly proficient at something.
 - Perversely irritable.
 - Acronym for Arizona State Poetry Society.
 - Acronym for Indigenous Land Use Agreement.
 - Stairway in India leading down to a landing on the water.
 - Elementary dialectic valence of an actor.
 - Birthplace of George E. Davis the founding father of chemical engineering.
 - Northern to north-eastern katabatic wind in the Adriatic.
 - Rich soil consisting of a mixture of sand, silt, clay and decaying organic materials.
 - Small unwanted parts left after most has been used.
 - Substance which absorbs certain wavelengths of light.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Sweet Cherry Cream Pie

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| 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened | 1/4 tsp. almond extract |
| 1 1/4 cups sweetened, condensed milk | 1 package (8 oz.) whipped topping |
| 2 cups frozen sweet cherries, chopped | 2 prepared chocolate crumb pie crusts (8" diameter) |
| 1 Tbsp. lemon juice | |

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in condensed milk. Mix in cherries, lemon juice and almond extract. Fold in whipped topping. Pour mixture evenly into crusts and freeze 8 hours or overnight. Cut into serving size pieces; garnish as desired. Serve immediately; pie slices thaw quickly. Store leftovers, covered, in freezer. For an extra decadent touch, add chocolate topping or chocolate curls to top the pie.

Makes 2 Pies

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

MAZE

ADOPT A PET

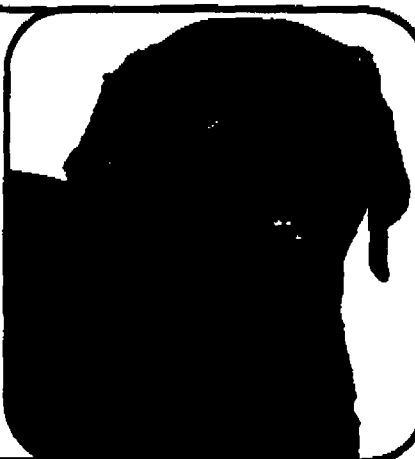


Truman

Truman is a very handsome and affectionate cat. He is between 1 and 2 years old and has a lovely disposition. This would be a great pet for just about anyone!

Carol

Carol is a very beautiful and active 18 month old Chocolate Lab. She is sincere and friendly but will require some training. Come in and meet this great dog.



The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
 Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
 Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
 For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 14, 2008

 Capricorn Idleness has nothing on you, Capricorn. This week, you'll have enough energy to accomplish all of your goals and more. Be careful that you don't take on more than you can handle, though. December 22-January 19	 Aries Thoughts of another time motivate you to make some changes in your life. Start with something small. A deadline at work is approaching quickly. March 21-April 19	 Cancer Efforts are underway at work for a huge celebration. Throw away your reservations and get involved. You deserve to have some fun every now and then. June 22-July 22	 Libra A risky piece makes for interesting conversation at work. Don't put in your two cents unless you can back it up. Libra. Too many people are watching. September 23-October 22
 Aquarius Rumors begin to fly, but none involve you thankfully. Remove yourself from the action, or you might just get pulled in. A memo confirms something you have known for a while. January 20-February 18	 Taurus Your financial outlook has seen better days, Taurus. Take action now to improve your bottom line, or you may bottom out. An elderly relative has some sage advice. April 20-May 20	 Leo Your expert advice is not always needed or wanted, Leo. Keep that in mind when a friend comes to you with a heavy heart. Sometimes it is better to listen. July 23-August 22	 Scorpio Time is wasting on a home repair. Pick up the pace before the problem gets worse, or you could wind up paying dearly for it. A deadline at work is moved up. October 23-November 21
 Pisces A moving tribute brings tears to your eyes but peace to your soul. Use your new frame of mind to finish that masterpiece, Pisces. Inspiration may not come again. February 19-March 20	 Gemini Anxiety heightens, as family members make plans to visit on a moment's notice. Cheer up. It will go better than you think, and you might just enjoy yourself. May 21-June 21	 Virgo Remarks made long ago resurface and cause you to rethink your current situation. Go with your gut instinct. A special occasion calls for a clever design. August 23-September 22	 Sagittarius Information from after offers you new hope. Sagittarius. This week, anything is possible, so go for it and dare to dream. A romantic gesture is quite the surprise. November 22-December 21

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2/13	16	-5	2						
2/14	21	-3	0						
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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

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INCOME PROPERTY FOR SALE. 2 duplexes and commercial building, all rented, owner wants to retire. 348-8471. (-14-21-28-6/1)

1. Real Estate

BANK FORECLOSURES, huge discounts. 3955 M-72, 3/2, fences for horses, large garage. Original price \$82,900 now \$64,900. 6446 Brown St., Frederic, 2/1 stick built with garage. Original price \$35,900 now \$17,900. Call Bob at Coldwell Banker 231-392-8686. (-21-28/1)

2. For Rent

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OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08t/2)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-31-7-14-21/2)

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2 BEDROOM, 2 bath modular, central air, washer/dryer, 2 car garage. Lake front, no pets. Blue Lake area, monthly rent plus utilities, 248-840-9501. (-14-21-28-6/2)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007t/2)

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2. For Rent

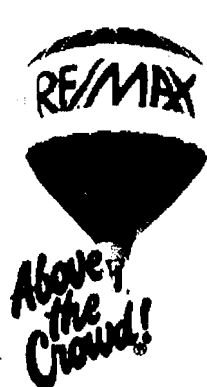
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Commercial Frontage w/modest Price! 200' of frontage across from the Old Barn. Parcel is 200 x 93, could be a perfect place for an insurance company or other business seeking high traffic. Catch all of M-72 & M-93 traffic from this location #5921 \$69,500

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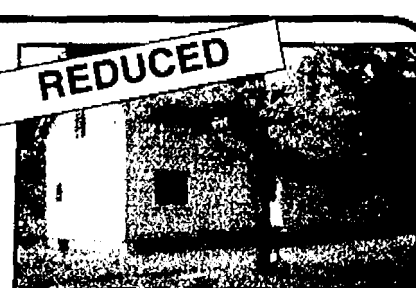
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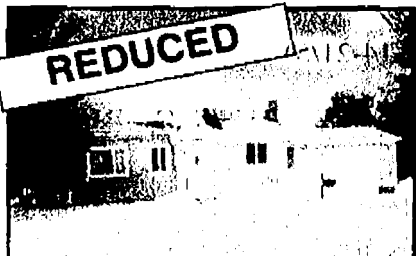
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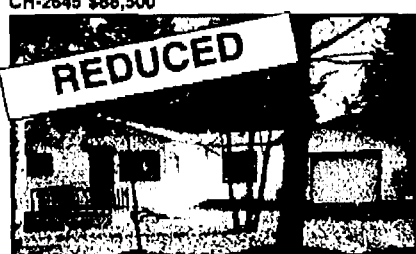
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 Near the Lake! This mobile is in new condition. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new carpet, fresh paint, 2 car garage all on a beautiful lot. #5727 \$45,000

REDUCED
 Secluded feeling on a nicely landscaped parcel over an acre in size, & just a mile out of town! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, living & family rooms, fenced yard, garden area, large deck, workshop AND a full second level to the garage! #5911 \$125,000.00

REDUCED
 Mobile Home with front and back porch, 2 car pole barn garage with lean to plus an extra storage shed. Blocks laid for an 8 x 32 addition. Nice big yard as this all sits on a 2.5 acre lot, close to snowmobiling and hunting. #5907 \$34,900

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REDUCED
 Cute 3 bedroom 1 bath home/cottage on 2 acres. Features 2 additional out buildings, fire pit and attached garage. Property located just 6 miles from town and 1/2 mile from AuSable River. #5910 \$66,900

REDUCED
 This home features 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and large loft for additional living space. Attached large 2 car garage with second floor, fenced area in backyard, property adjoins state land and is just over 3 acres. #5882 \$129,900

REDUCED
 Great location! This home is only 4 years old and looks brand new. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air, open floor plan and a 2 car detached garage. #5795 \$85,000

REDUCED
 2 acre parcel on the corner of Chase Bridge and Diamond. This 2 bedroom cabin is clean as a whistle and comes furnished...what you see is what you get. Large lot area with 4 beds for all the company. It even has a one car garage. #5741 \$57,500

REDUCED
 Very nice and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home only 6 years old in the city of Grayling. Close to everything you need for comfortable city living. Fenced in back yard and a nice concrete driveway. #5770 \$65,000

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 2,200 sq. ft. of OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE! Located between Save-A-Lot and K-Mart where the traffic count is at its highest for Crawford County. High visibility in a great location! 8 private offices, reception desk, lobby and more. Paved parking. Don't need 2,200 square feet? Call for other options.

REDUCED
 Secluded but easy access, beautiful 10 square acres of property, plus beautiful home with 3 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths with over 2,000 s.f. of living space, enclosed large porch, attached garage. Must See!! #5711 \$198,900

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Residential
 Features include wood burning fireplace, 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 season screened porch, 2 car attached garage, and detached 2 car garage all on 7.7 acres. Backs up to thousands of acres of state land. Property is being sold in as-is condition. #255184 \$89,900

Residential
 Cozy home sits on 5.75 acres with wood flooring, all the appliances included and a large deck in back to sit on and watch your garden grow. There is also a large 1200 sq. ft. detached garage for your toys, built in 2002. #254947 \$95,000

Residential
 Beautiful brick front home, very well maintained with large fenced-in backyard. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached garage, fireplace and 3/4 finished basement. New well in 2005. #240580 \$119,000

Residential
 Large family home on 2 city lots with updated electric and underground service. 1.5 baths and 4 bedrooms, 2 with hardwood floors, full dry basement with 4-bay system w/ lifetime warranty. Basement has stone fireplace and separate laundry room. Also includes 2 car detached garage and 1500 sq. ft. block building for storing boats, cars or for a workshop or special hobby room. New hot water heater and more. #241887 \$126,500

Reduced Residential
 Bring your clothes and toolshed and move right in to this totally refurbished quiet little home with room to spare. Newer kitchen, flooring, carpet, appliances, washers, roof, well, garage and electrical. Wood stove, snowmob. garage & small building, pool, 6 beds & 5 1/2 of space for the kids. Large corner lot, potentials, walk across the street to the lake. #244151 \$149,000

Reduced Residential
 Stunning custom built home on 3.49 acres, 4 BR, 3 Bath. Beautiful gas log fireplace, central air, underground sprinkler, 28 X 32 garage. Beautiful tree cover and adjoins state land, and MUCH, MUCH more! #252842 \$199,900

Reduced Residential
 Private, wooded setting on South Branch AuSable River. Great weekend getaway or full time residence. Close to hundreds of acres of state land. Well maintained home. #253922 \$239,000

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2. For Rent

201 FULTON ST. One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, new kitchen cabinets, a very nice apartment. Individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only and no pets. \$475 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-348-7143. (01/24/07tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath, washer/dryer hookup, refrigerator, range included. Utilities not included. No pets. \$425/month plus \$425 security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. (989)-348-4716. (02/07/08tf/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS, Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units. Rent based on income, no minimum. Laundry and play areas on site. Applications at office or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (-14-21-28-6/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS., 306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (-14-21-28-6/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM HOUSE in St. Helen. Utility room, natural gas, 2 storage sheds plus a nice yard. \$450 a month and \$450 security. Call 989-275-8499 or 989-915-2002. (-14-21/2)

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VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information.

FOR RENT: Very clean one bedroom apartment in town, \$425 a month rent plus security deposit. Water included in rent, no pets, references required. Phone 989-619-9689. (-14-21/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT: 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath home 2 blocks off Lake Margrethe \$800 plus utilities and deposit. 989-619-9463. (-14-21/2)

3. Employment

DRIVERS NEEDED Must be 21 or older with clear driver record. Pay ranges from \$300 to \$800 weekly. Independent contractor/applicants must have own a full size or extended cargo van. Work out of Grayling 5 days a week. Call 888-336-7205 after 10:00 a.m. (-14-21/3)

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3. Employment

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR position is available with the City of Grayling. This is a part time position of 22 hours within a flexible work schedule. Annualized salary is \$18,300. Extensive understanding and experience is required of zoning ordinances and enforcement of same. Planning and special project applications are included in the work requirements. Post secondary education degree is preferred. Interested qualified candidates are asked to send a letter of application with an attached resume to City Manager, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738.

4. Services Offered

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School. Segment I, \$260. Segment II, \$40. Classes offered in Grayling - January, March, May, June, July; Roscommon - December, March, April, June. The only local driver's education company in Crawford and Roscommon Counties. (989) 344-2470. (11/22/07tf/4)

CHILD CARE in my home, will take part to full time, 348-6480. (11/29/07tf/4)

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Kitchen Assistant

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for two part-time Kitchen Assistants who prepare and serve food for Home Delivered Meals and meals served at the Senior Center. Application packets must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling and returned by 5:00pm 2/27/08.

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BRING THIS AD into J. Dap Co. on Friday Feb. 29 and receive a \$4 J. Dap Co. gift store gift certificate, good for that day only! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. Limit one coupon per customer. Happy Leap Year Day! (-21-28/5)

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3. Employment**5. For Sale**

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HAPPY LEAP YEAR DAY! It only happens every 4 years so bring this ad into Riverland and receive a \$4 gift certificate good for February 29, 2008, only. Riverland Clothing & Gifts, 122 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Limit one per customer. (-21-28/5)

REFRIGERATORS, very small to really nice size. Chest freezer, clothes dryer. Stock always changing., 348-0167. (-21-28/5)

6. Wanted

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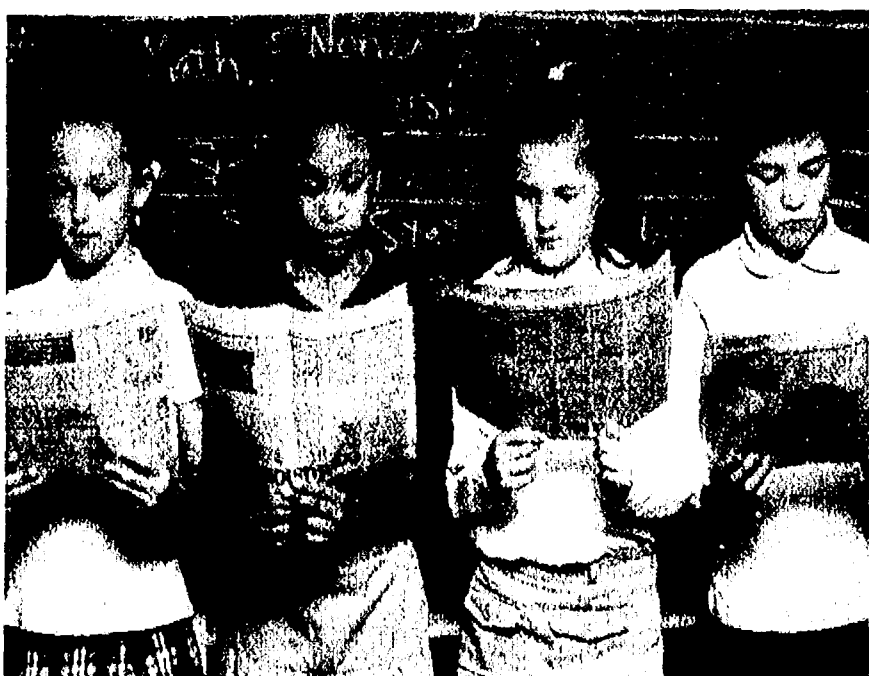
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Funding Available through Crawford County Department of Human Services; Strong Families Safe Children

The Crawford County Department of Human Services (DHS) announces the availability of funds through the Strong Families Safe Children (SFSC) initiative for services to be provided consistent with the current eligibility requirements for these funds, effective 5/07 for FY07/08. The allocation of available funds will be awarded through a competitive process. To be eligible for these funds applicants must work with children and families in Crawford County with all referrals for services generated by DHS, and provide a minimum of one of the following mandated target populations:

- Cases with an open DHS Children's Protective Service (CPS), Foster Care, Prevention or Delinquency case;
- Clients who have had an open DHS CPS, Foster Care, Prevention or Delinquency case within the past 18 months;
- Adoptive families and their minor child(ren) when the child(ren) have been adopted from a state's foster care program and for whom the adoption has been finalized and for whom a need for post-adoptive services has been identified by DHS;
- Families who have had a CPS investigation within the past 18 months;
- Any families currently involved with Family to Family services to prevent out of home placement of a child by DHS;
- Pregnant and/or parenting youth, custodial and non-custodial parents under the age of twenty-one (21) who are eligible under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program based on income eligibility; or
- Non-parental relatives and/or caregivers in need of supportive services to provide care to a minor child to prevent DHS foster care placement.

Anyone interested in submitting request for funding may contact Cindy Timmons, SFSC Coordinator for Crawford County at (989) 344-9335 or via e-mail at cindy.timmons@hotmail.com. All requests for funding must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2008, with one original and three (3) copies sent to: P.O. Box 834; Grayling, MI 49738.

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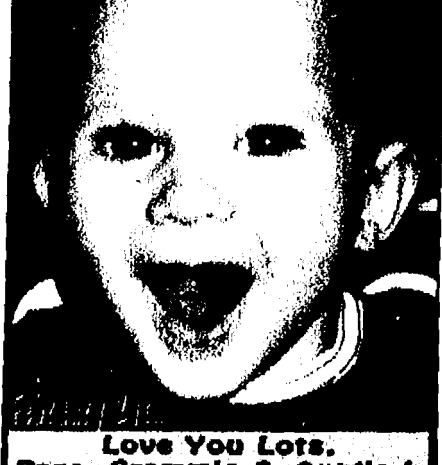
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Vikings seal win vs. Blazers with late 8-2 run

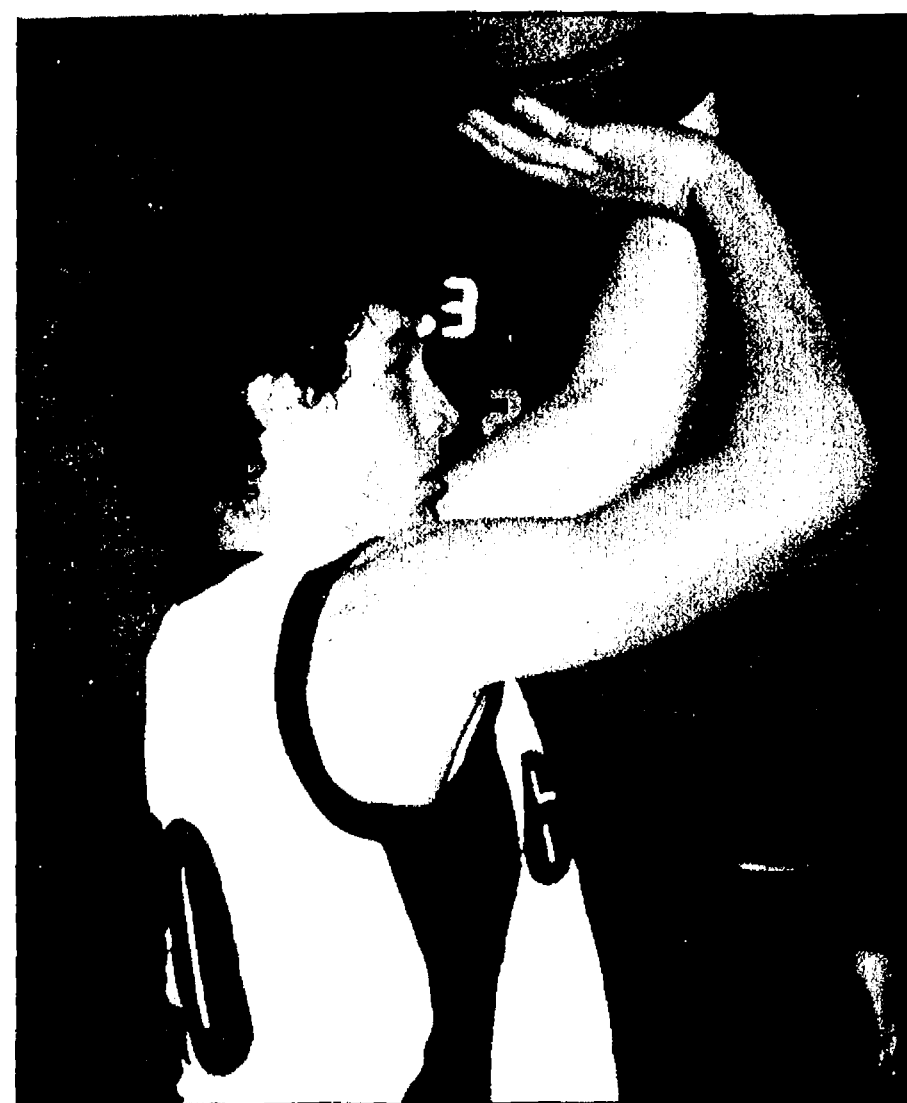
The Grayling Vikings survived a late surge by Kalkaska with an 8-2 run of their own during the final 2:30 of last Wednesday's varsity boys basketball contest at GHS.

Grayling led 20-15 after one quarter and had a 39-27 lead at halftime. The Vikings took a 47-38 advantage into the fourth quarter, but the Blazers cut Grayling's lead to four, 56-52, with a three-point play at the 2:41 mark.

The Vikings outscored Kalkaska 8-2 down the stretch to win the game by a final score of 64-54. The run included an inside shot by Tyler Steffey, a drive by Josh Stapleton, and four free throw shots by Stapleton.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Steffey, 20 points, 7 rebounds; Stapleton, 12 points, 4 assists; Spencer Dean, 10 points, 12 rebounds; Trent Larm, 9 points, 6 rebounds; Richard Schreiber, 7 points, 7 assists, 5 steals.

Grayling (7-12) will play in the District 63-B tournament next week.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Spencer Dean takes a jump shot for Grayling during last Wednesday's victory vs. Kalkaska.



Josh Stapleton, left, handles the ball for GHS vs. the Blazers on Wednesday. Tyler Steffey, right, shoots the ball for Grayling.



Grayling to play Bucks in first round of districts

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one basket. Elk Rapids won 49-47 at Grayling on Jan. 3, and Grayling won 44-42 at Elk Rapids on Feb. 8.

The Vikings got off to a 3-10 start this season, but they have won four out of six games in the month of February.

Grayling's 2007-2008 varsity squad includes: Josh Stapleton (senior-guard), Alex Gabriel (junior-center), Eric Ferrigan (junior-forward), Jacob Aubry (junior-guard), Richard Schreiber (senior-guard), Spencer Dean (junior-forward), Rocky McNamara (senior-forward), Ryan Foguth (junior-guard), Trent Larm (junior-forward), Jason Drudge (senior-guard), Doug Gothro (junior-forward), Matt McDonald (senior-forward), Ross Teeple (junior-center), and Tyler Steffey (junior-center). The playoff roster will also include Joe Tottingham (sophomore-forward) and Colin Hamlin (sophomore-guard) from the junior varsity squad.

As of last Thursday, Schreiber, Stapleton, and Larm were the team's scoring leaders with 199, 194, and 192 points, respectively. Dean was the team's rebounding leader with 130. Stapleton and Schreiber led the squad in steals with 50 and 49, respectively. Schreiber had a team-high 70 assists. Steffey led the team in blocks with 15. ("March Madness" player profiles on Pages 2-3B include more individual statistics.)

The winner of the District 63-B tournament will advance to the Region 16-B tournament, which will be held in Petoskey on March 3 and 5.

Presale tickets for the District 63-B boys basketball tournament are available now in the GHS office. Tickets are \$5 each. Season passes do not include access to MHSAA tournaments.

To check out more photos from this year's GHS boys basketball season, please visit the Crawford County Avalanche's Web site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com. Our Photo Gallery contains color photographs, both published and unpublished, from more than 20 2007-2008 freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball games.

Freshman squad wins 62-52 vs. Blazers

Grayling High School's 9th grade boys basketball team defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 62-52 last Wednesday at Grayling Middle School.

Grayling led 16-13 after one quarter. At halftime, the Vikings had a 10-point advantage, 33-23. Grayling won the contest by 10 points.

Leading scorers for GHS included: Jensen Aubry, 26 points, 13 rebounds; Jake Helsel, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists; Jake Small, 10 points, 4 steals; Ethan Lewis, 8 points; Ryan Teeple, 4 points, 6 rebounds; Brent Steffey, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals.

The Vikings won a home game (at GMS) vs. East Jordan 62-59 on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

"Another team that beat us the

first time around," Coach L.J. Mead said. "A good win for us."

Grayling's leading scorers included: Lewis, 22 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists; Helsel, 20 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Aubry, 6 points, 8 rebounds.

Grayling fell to the Harbor Springs Rams 59-49 on Friday, Feb. 1, at GMS.

"We led until 1:40 left. We turned the ball over a couple times. They made shots in the end and we didn't," Coach Mead said. "We lost by 22 the first time we played them, so it was a drastic improvement."

Lewis had 24 points and 12 rebounds. Aubry had 11 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals. Small had 10 points.

The Vikings won 54-40 at Cheboygan on Thursday, Jan. 31.

"We got off to a really tough start, as we had a hard time finding the basket. We picked up our defensive intensity in the second quarter, which turned into a lead at halftime. From that point, we executed well and played with energy. I was happy with our effort," Coach Mead said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings: Aubry, 15 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals; Lewis, 14 points, 9 rebounds; Small, 10 points; Helsel, 9 points, 13 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 steals; Steffey, 3 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals; Luke Schneider, 3 points.

The Vikings finished their season this week with a game at Boyne City on Tuesday.

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